

**SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**



SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 10 December 2018

LEAD OFFICER: Lee O'Neil, Deputy Chief Executive, Spelthorne Borough Council (Chair of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board)

SUBJECT: Community Safety Partnership update

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on each local authority to:

- i. Have due regard to the likely effect its functions can have on, and
- ii. Do all that it reasonably can, to prevent, crime and disorder in relation to all the services it provides.

This report is an update for the Spelthorne Joint Committee on the role of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Spelthorne Joint Committee (SJC) is asked to note:

- (i) The contents of this report
- (ii) The 2017-2020 Partnership Plan
- (iii) The successes and challenges for the Community Safety Partnership as detailed in the report to Spelthorne's Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2018, along with the key initiatives and campaigns that have been undertaken.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report presents the Partnership Plan for 2017 – 2020.
This item is for information only.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation place a requirement on Spelthorne Borough Council (SBC) and Surrey County Council (SCC) to consider, and do all they reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in all the services they provide.

- 1.2 Membership of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) must include “Responsible Authorities” as defined by the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The Responsible Authorities on the local CSP, known as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP), are SBC, SCC, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire & Rescue Services (SFRS), Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Probation Service.
- 1.3 As statutory Responsible Authorities of the SSSP, SBC and SCC are required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.4 The SSSP uses a wide range of methods to engage with the local community. These have included the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Crime Summit, Face the People events and written forms of engagement such as surveys, newsletters and websites.
- 1.5 The provision of a Community Safety Strategy is a statutory requirement. The SSSP’s current three-year Community Safety Strategy 2017-20 is included as Annex 1 and can also be found here on the Spelthorne community safety pages https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/media/4185/Safer-Stronger-Spelthorne-Partnership-Community-Safety-Strategy-2017-2020/pdf/2017-2020_Partnership_Plan.pdf
- 1.6 The key responsibilities of the SSSP include:
- To oversee analysis of crime and disorder and ensure an evidence-based approach to priority setting
 - To agree priorities at a local level and ensure there is a three-year Community Safety Strategy and action plan
 - To contribute to the development of other local strategies and plans which are aligned to the community safety agenda, such as health and wellbeing, to ensure better use of resources, avoid duplication and provide better outcomes
 - To ensure establishment and delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews;
 - To approve the allocation of funding received by the CSP
 - To ensure that any changes in the community safety landscape are effectively managed
 - To ensure that the work of the CSP supports the Police and Crime Plan and that effective links are established with the PCC.
- 1.7 The priorities in the strategy have been developed using information and data related to:
- Crime and disorder issues across the borough, taking into account issues which local people consider to be of most concern
 - Supporting victims of domestic abuse via the domestic abuse outreach service
 - Supporting individuals with substance misuse issues
 - Raising awareness of hate crime
 - Raising awareness of how to spot signs of emerging threats that target vulnerable people, such as Child Exploitation and Modern Slavery
 - Monitoring the local PREVENT (anti-radicalisation) action plan.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 National crime trends in previous years have shown a reduction in recorded crime. However, for 2017-18 numbers increased, which has primarily been attributed to changes in crime categories and the way that crimes are recorded.
- 2.2 A community safety report with crime figures was presented to Spelthorne's Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2018 which can be viewed at Annex 2 and via the following link:
<http://democracy.spelthorne.gov.uk/documents/s16228/Review%20of%20Community%20Safety%20O%20S%202018%20v2.pdf>

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the information provided within the report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultation takes place on an annual basis to help inform the Community Safety Strategy. The Crime Summit held by the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) was a key method of carrying out surveys with the local community.
- 4.2 The Crime Summit is no longer organised by the PCC; however, this has been replaced by Panel Meetings which are held in various locations across the borough to ensure our communication channels remain open.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Resources for the SSSP are prioritised as part of the action planning process and the Partnership makes best use of its available resources.
- 5.2 There are no government grants or allocated funding from the PCC to support the SSSP; this is a challenge experienced across most of England and Wales.
- 5.4 With budgets to CSPs from Government sources cut, the financial burden falls to local authorities who themselves are also facing significant financial cuts. To help maintain a healthy budget the SSSP continues to be pro-active in seeking financial support from businesses within the borough to deliver Partnership activities and community safety work.
- 5.5 In previous years the Partnership received funding of £21,000 a year from A2 Dominion Housing (A2D), £3,000 a year from BP and £27,000 from SBC. The current situation is that A2D no longer make a contribution and SBC contribute £10,000. This reduction relates to the fact that SBC no longer claim back salaries paid for Community Safety Officers of £43,000. These posts are fully funded by SBC.
- 5.6 In 2017/18 SFRS and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) joined forces to promote water safety to help prevent people losing their lives

through drowning. This initiative was supported by the SSSP with financial contributions being made by SCC and SBC.

- 5.7 In August 2018 the SSSP held a budget balance of £109,000. The Partnership has agreed that a sum of £40,000 from this budget should be set aside to deal with any Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) should any occur in Spelthorne. The remainder of the budget is available for community safety initiatives approved by the SSSP Board.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

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Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	As outlined within this report
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	As outlined within this report
Public Health	As outlined within this report

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 Spelthorne Borough Council and Surrey County Council are required by legislation to consider, and do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in all the services they provide. Both are Responsible Authorities of the local Community Safety Partnership (the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership).
- 7.2 Together with key local partners, the SSSP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the Partnership Plan.
- 7.3 That this report be noted

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The Spelthorne Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

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Consulted:

Not required for the purposes of this report

Annexes:

Annex 1 – 2017-20 Partnership Plan
Annex 2 – Review of Community Safety

Background papers:
None

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