



**Safer Stronger Partnership**

## **2017 - 2020 PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

### **OUR VISION**

**'TO BUILD A SAFER COMMUNITY'**

### **OUR PRIORITIES**

#### **To Reduce: -**

- **Crime – with particular reference to Residential Burglary; Harm Caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol; Organised Crime, Violent Crime & Acquisitive Crime.**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Re-Offending**
- **The Threat of Terrorism**
- **The threat of child sexual exploitation and cyber related crime**

#### **To Improve:-**

- **Engagement with our public to help make our communities stronger**
- **Water Safety in the River Thames areas of the Borough**

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## **SPELTHORNE SAFER STRONGER PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2017 – 2020**

### **FOREWORD AND BACKGROUND**

Nationally each Community Safety Partnership is required annually to undertake a strategic assessment of crime and disorder and to consult with the community about the areas of concern. This assessment is an analysis of crimes, including trends and projections linked to community feedback. This leads to emerging priorities for action. Following the completion of the assessment, a Partnership Plan has to be prepared setting out our agreed priorities. This is then followed by action plans which include funding allocations from the Partnership to help implement various schemes and initiatives.

Following the completion of an assessment, I have pleasure in launching our Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Plan for 2017 to 2020.

The Partnership is committed to playing a key role in reducing all aspects of crime and disorder, and our strategic assessment identified key priorities upon which to concentrate effort and resources. These priorities reflect the concerns of our community and are as follows:

Reduce: -

- Crime – with particular reference to Residential Burglary; Harm caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol; Organised Crime, Violent Crime and Acquisitive Crime.
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Re-offending<sup>1</sup>
- The threat of terrorism
- The threat of child sexual exploitation and cyber related crime

Improve

- Engagement with our public to help make our communities stronger
- Water Safety in the River Thames areas of the Borough

The strategic assessment and this Partnership Plan relate specifically to the situation within Spelthorne and, whilst responding to targets specific to other agencies, it seeks to provide a local response that is relevant to the specific needs of the local community.

Other aspects of crime and disorder, whilst not identified as priorities, will continue to be dealt with as appropriate by the relevant agency; e.g. robbery and vehicle crime.

The Partnership Plan is a rolling three-year plan that has to be refreshed annually. This process will be aided by the completion of annual strategic assessments, performance monitoring and stakeholder consultation. Feedback will be particularly welcomed from members of the community living and working within the borough.

**Roberto Tambini**  
**Chair of the SSSP Board**

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<sup>1</sup> This is a Government priority that we are required to adopt

## INTRODUCTION AND GOVERNANCE

### How We Currently Operate

The Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is known locally as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP). It has a strong commitment and a good track record of tackling all aspects of crime and disorder, providing reassurance to local communities and of community engagement. The Partnership has established a Strategy Board which includes both statutory and non-statutory members.

### Strategy Board

This has responsibility to support the Task Groups and monitor the overall implementation of the Strategy and detailed action plans; to approve the financial strategy; oversee funding arrangements, and to ensure that overall objectives and individual targets are met. The Board meets quarterly.

Statutory members are identified with an \*

Spelthorne Borough Council\*  
Surrey Police\*  
Surrey Fire Authority\*  
Public Health Surrey County Council\*  
Surrey County Council\*  
Surrey & Sussex Probation Service\*  
A2Dominion Housing  
Bronzefield Prison  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

### Operational Management Group (OMG)

The Operational Management Group oversees the delivery of the Action Plans. It brings together the leads for each of the areas of work, identifies gaps in delivery, makes recommendations to the Board and evaluates the projects and the final spending. It physically meets every 6 months in order to confirm progress; between these times the group will meet 'virtually' via e-mails and telephone.

Spelthorne Borough Council  
Surrey Police  
Public Health Surrey County Council  
Surrey & Sussex Probation Service  
Surrey County Council

### Joint Enforcement Team Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (JET/TCG)

The JET/TCG's primary role is to facilitate improved partnership responses to localised crime and disorder issues by continually appraising local intelligence, monitoring incidents, as well as dealing with concerns relating to Anti-Social Behaviour etc. The group utilises geographical hot spotting which assists in recording patterns of crime thereby helping to create solutions at an operational level. The group also carries out a tasking and coordinating role with the Law Enforcement Officers employed by SBC, as a consequence it is able to provide a quick and

effective localised response. This group meets every 6 weeks.

### **Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)**

The Group will address community safety issues that are caused by problem individuals and families that are disruptive to the community as well as locations that have become a cause for concern. This group meets every 6 weeks and membership is as follows: -

Spelthorne Borough Council – Surrey Police, NHS Surrey, Transform Housing Trust A2 Dominion Group, Surrey Youth Justice Service, Spelthorne Locality Team Adult and Children Services, Surrey Children’s Services, Surrey Youth Support Service Service (Lifetrain), Thames Valley Housing, Victim Support, Community Mental Health Team and Supported Families Team.

### **Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPO) Management Panel**

This group work closely together with a specific duty to prevent and deter new entrants to the criminal justice system, to catch and convict active criminals who cause most harm to our communities, and to help resettle and rehabilitate those offenders who want to turn their backs on a life of crime. This group meets monthly and membership is as follows: -

Spelthorne Borough Council, Spelthorne Police PPO Officer; Engage (Drug Intervention Programme); National Probation Service; Youth Justice Service.

### **The Local Strategic Partnership (known as Spelthorne Together)**

This Partnership is led by an Executive, which sets the strategic direction for the Partnership, and oversees the work of the theme groups, which carry out the action plan. There are four theme groups as follows: -

- Safer Stronger Partnership
- Children & Young People
- Health & Wellbeing
- Economic Development

Each of the theme groups contribute towards the holistic needs of the Borough through agreed action plans; Spelthorne Together produce a long term Community Plan (over ten years) bringing together a variety of agencies via the themed groups to deliver services and report directly to the Spelthorne Together Executive.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### How We Consult

The Partnership uses a wide range of methods to engage with the local community. These include meetings such as forums and panels and written forms of engagement such as publications, surveys, newsletters and websites.

### Neighbourhood Policing Panels

Police hold panel meetings at different locations as required across the Borough, based on neighbourhood policing areas. The Panels are informal meetings, giving residents the opportunity to meet amongst others their Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers and highlight the issues they are most concerned about in their community. The issues they raise will then be prioritised for the local policing team who will identify ways of dealing with them over the proceeding weeks; details of measures taken will be reported back at subsequent meetings.

### Events of significant local interest

These are open meetings for residents to find out more about issues of local significance, ask questions and air their views and concerns. These public meetings will be convened when a matter of significant public importance or interest within a local area arise.

### Partnership Face The People Event

The Partnership will hold at least one of these events each year; the purpose of this is to raise the visibility of the Partnership, to update the communities in relation to progress in tackling crime and disorder, the activities that have taken place in the Borough, schemes undertaken etc and future plans. It will also take questions from the community in a public forum where on issues of concern. Listen to concerns and allow the Partnership to communicate face to face, consult on issues and develop, adjust priorities so that they reflect the needs of the community

### Partnership Action Days<sup>2</sup>

These are multi agency days which take place around the borough. They involve numerous agencies such as the Local Authority, Police, NHS Surrey, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and the voluntary and community sector to name but a few, who work together to tackle issues highlighted for that particular area. Each day includes an opportunity for the public to meet and talk to officers from the Police, Fire, Council and other partners; future events will develop a closer relationship with local school involvement where practicable.

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<sup>2</sup> A one-day operation involving many partnership agencies working together to reduce crime and disorder, provide visible presence to increase reassurance and to provide crime prevention and other advice to residents. The key themes include engagement, awareness and enforcement.

## THE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

### Current Key Priorities

The strategic assessment is an annual document and covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September each year.

Spelthorne is situated within one of the safest counties in England and is a safe place within which to live, work or visit. The SSSP, whilst committed to making it even safer, acknowledges that the perception of some people is that the borough is not as safe as it actually is. **Overall, crime has remained fairly static from the reporting period 2014 – 2016**

## THE DRAFT KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2016 - 2019

Having undertaken a strategic assessment, our proposed priorities for 2017 – 2019 have not changed significantly from the 2016/19 assessment and plan, they are now as follows: -

### TO REDUCE: -

**CRIME** With particular reference to: -

Burglary (dwelling)  
Harm caused through misuse of drugs & alcohol  
Acquisitive crime (particularly shoplifting & metal thefts)  
Violent Crime (with injury)

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

To reduce the level of reported anti-social behaviour  
(Particularly rowdy & inconsiderate behaviour / neighbourhood disputes)

### **RE-OFFENDING**

Particularly around our prolific & priority offenders / domestic abuse perpetrators

Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders  
Repeat incidents of domestic violence

### **THE THREAT OF TERRORISM**

Protection against terrorist attack  
Building communities resilient to violent extremism

## **CHILD EXPLOITATION AND CYBER CRIME**

Raise awareness of the threat  
Work with other agencies on joint initiatives

And

## **TARGETED ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR PUBLIC TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER**

To work with and provide information, guidance and advice to make our communities stronger, particularly helping deliver the '**Supported Families Programme**', **neighbourhood watch** and **residents associations**:

In support of the Spelthorne Together Local Strategic Partnership priority, provide additional support for older people within our community.

## **IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SAFETY IN THE AREA OF THE RIVER THAMES**

To work in conjunction with partner agencies in the delivery of a water safety strategy in the area of the river Thames.

## **MEETING OUR PRIORITIES**

The Partnership has a set of annual action plans to deliver against these priorities. These plans are S.M.A.R.T<sup>3</sup> and monitored by the Operational Management Group, with overall performance monitored by the Partnership Board.

## **THE FUTURE**

The Partnership has a very strong record of success in helping reduce overall crime and disorder and in running numerous innovative Partnership schemes across the Borough. We are proud of our achievements but determined to make best use of our resources in order to meet our vision.

In the current economic climate and reducing budgets the Partnership will seek to achieve even greater value for money in respect of our limited resources and will explore opportunities of maximising our funding by identifying jointly funded initiatives and projects with our Community Safety Partnership neighbours.

## **OUR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The police and other responsible agencies are required by law to work together to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, alcohol, drug and other substance abuse and anti-social behaviour that impacts adversely on the environment and to reduce re-offending. In doing so the Partnership has a statutory requirement to:

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<sup>3</sup> Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time-bound

- Undertake an annual strategic assessment of crime trends and reasons for the crimes that are occurring within their area
- Consult and engage with the community and develop and implement an annual three-year rolling Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Relevant legislation bringing statutory requirements for responsible agencies to work together in this way are as follows:

Crime and Disorder Act, 1998  
 Police Reform Act, 2002  
 Police and Justice Act, 2006

Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - as amended by Schedule 9, Section 4 of the Police and Justice Act 2006: "Without prejudice to any other obligations imposed upon it, it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and the misuse of drugs and other substances in its area."

"This means that all authorities should take account of the community safety dimension in all of its work. All policies, strategies, plans and budgets will need to be considered from the standpoint of their potential contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder." (Home Office Executive Summary to Crime and Disorder Act 1998) 'Responsible Authorities' (as defined within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002) as relates to the Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership are:

- Spelthorne Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Police
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Public Health- Surrey County Council
- Surrey & Sussex Probation Service

A number of other cooperating persons or bodies are required to be part of the process of working to reduce crime and disorder within the partnership and these are also represented within the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board.

Section 115, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – establishes the power to disclose and use information for the purposes of resolving crime and disorder. The process for sharing information is set out in the Surrey Information Sharing Protocol.

Police and Justice Act 2006 and Statutory Instruments 1830 and 1831 of 2007 – Improvements and changes to partnership provisions are reflected within this legislation. The statutory requirements form part of what are known as: 'Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships'<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Further information on this and other guidance is contained within 'Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working'.  
<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/partnerships/partnerships001.htm>.

- Empowered and effective leadership
- Intelligence led business processes
- Effective and responsive delivery structures
- Engaged communities
- Visible and constructive accountability
- Appropriate skills and knowledge

### **Performance Monitoring**

Each key priority that is identified within this plan contains a number of actions. These are designed to ensure that priority objectives are achieved. Targets have been set as an essential part of bringing about that achievement; this will form the Action Plan. Monitoring performance will be set against a series of agreed performance indicators. These indicators will be set against each key priority.

The Action Plan will be placed on the council web site and updated on a 6 monthly basis so that the public can track progress.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour data and associated performance information will be collected by the Operational Management Group and presented to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board at the quarterly meetings, so that delivery can be monitored and any lack of progress challenged. This information will also be available to other bodies, including those with community representation, as appropriate. Annual reports will also be available for wider community consultative processes and transparency.

Other national, county and local plans, strategies and policies complement or impact in some way upon this Community Safety Partnership Plan; the more significant of these are as follows:

- Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner: Police and Crime Plan
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- Corporate Strategy (Spelthorne Borough Council)
- National Crime Strategy