

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 17 JUNE 2013

LEAD OFFICER: SARAH QUINN, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD 2013-14

DIVISION: ALL REIGATE & BANSTEAD DIVISIONS

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Local Committee has been delegated £3,226 to support the work of the CSP in 2013-14. The Committee is asked to agree that the Community Partnership Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision, according to the Community Safety Strategy priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the Reigate and Banstead CSP's priorities for 2013-14.
- (ii) Nominate a County Councillor to represent the Local Committee on the CSP in 2013-14, plus a deputy.
- (iii) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,226 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the CSP.
- (iv) Agree that the Community Partnerships Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with (iii) above.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Surrey County Council is a Responsible Authority on the CSP and has a responsibility to be represented at its meetings. Contributing delegated funding will help to ensure that the CSP has a sufficient budget to fund projects aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Committee has delegated authority over a small budget of £3,226 of Surrey County Council funding. The purpose of this funding is to address local areas of concern in relation to community safety.
- 1.2 The Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consists of a number of Responsible Authorities (including Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council) together with representatives from key co-operating bodies such as Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and Raven Housing Trust.
- 1.3 The CSP Plan sets out the partnership's priorities for the year ahead. These are set out in Section 2 below. The full plan is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.4 A Surrey County Council Member is appointed to represent the Local Committee on the CSP in order to contribute to the debates and influence decisions which will affect local residents in Reigate and Banstead, and to report back to the Local Committee at regular intervals to keep committee Members fully informed of progress. A deputy is appointed in the event that the representative is unable to attend a meeting.
- 1.5 Decisions on Community Safety funding are an Executive Function of the Local Committee as set out in Paragraph 7.2(b)(ii) of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The Reigate and Banstead CSP is required under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to produce an annual Community Safety Plan demonstrating how its members will work together to tackle key crime and disorder priorities for the year ahead. These priorities have been identified by analysing data provided by partner organisations and feedback from local residents
- 2.2 The following priorities have been agreed for 2013-14:
 - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (also a County-wide priority)
 - Tackling Substance Misuse (also a County-wide priority)
 - Reducing Serious Acquisitive Crime (Burglary is a County-wide priority)
 - Tackling Domestic Abuse (also a County-wide priority)
- 2.3 Agencies which are part of the CSP contribute ring-fenced funds aimed at addressing the annual targets. Surrey County Council contributes to the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach work via a budget held by the central Community Safety Team, as well as the delegated funding which the Local Committee is being asked to agree.
- 2.4 This budget has been used in the past to fund a number of specially trained staff and a range of initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour and low level crime. Examples from recent years include the provision of a Youth Cafe in Redhill town centre, "prevent and deter" work with young people and funding for the Redhill Youth Club. Other examples of previous uses of the funding include the purchase of SelectaDNA property marking kits which can be used

to link property to a specific address or vehicle by registering it on a national database. If stolen property is then seized, it can be traced back to the owner. Similar kits have been purchased for cycle marking. A further example of CSP-funded equipment is body-worn CCTV cameras. These small, highly visible cameras are worn by police officers patrolling anti-social behaviour hotspots. Recordings can be used as evidence, but the presence of the cameras helps to deter those committing anti-social behaviour and can de-escalate potentially serious situations.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Local Committee has an influencing and monitoring role on the work of the CSP. Members can further the work of the CSP by nominating a County Councillor (and deputy) who will effectively represent the best interest of the County and of the local residents of Reigate and Banstead.
- 3.2 By delegating its Community Safety budget to the CSP, the Local Committee can contribute to the success of the CSP in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Reigate and Banstead by funding projects aimed at delivering against the locally identified community safety priorities.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The CSP includes representatives of local partner organisations working in Reigate and Banstead, and has been consulted on and agreed the priorities for 2013-14.
- 4.2 On 27 March 2013, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the CSP Plan. Members of the Local Committee were invited to attend this meeting.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The amount of delegated funding is £3,226. Expenditure from the CSP's fund is agreed by the members of the partnership and all bidders must provide detailed information about the purpose and aims of the proposed project and timescales. Decisions are taken with particular attention to value for money, and bids may be refused or further information sought if this is not evident.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 This report does not have any direct equalities and diversity implications, but any future consultation with local communities will consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.
- 6.2 Successfully tackling crime and anti-social behaviour is of benefit to the entire community.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 If agreed, the recommendations will benefit all residents and businesses in Reigate and Banstead by helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough.

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	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

By contributing delegated funding to the CSP and ensuring that the Local Committee is represented on the partnership, the Local Committee will contribute to the success of the CSP in addressing its priorities for 2013-14 and help to reduce crime and disorder in the borough of Reigate and Banstead.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Surrey County Council is a Responsible Authority on the CSP and has a responsibility to be represented at its meetings.

- 9.2 Contributing delegated funding will help to ensure that the CSP has a sufficient budget to fund projects aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

- 9.3 The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The Surrey County Council Member representative will attend the CSP meetings, support and enable County involvement on the CSP's priorities and targets, and provide feedback to the Local Committee on a regular basis.

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Consulted:

See Section 4 above.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Plan 2013-14.

Sources/background papers:

- Reigate & Banstead CSP Constitution
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