



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SPELTHORNE)**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
UPDATE**

24th June 2013

KEY ISSUE

Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides.

This report updates the Local Committee on the joint work through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership - SSSP (statutorily known as the Community Safety Partnership) on its work, which is partly funded by SCC contributions.

SUMMARY

This report presents the Partnership Plan for 2013 - 2016 and the end of year Performance Report of the SSSP 2012 - 2013.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- i) Receive and note the 2013 – 2016 Partnership Plan (Annexe A).
- ii) Receive and note the details of the Performance Overview and Performance Data 2012 – 2013 (Annexes B and C)

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation place a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides.
- 1.2 Surrey County Council is one of the statutory 'responsible authorities' of the local Community Safety Partnership [or CSP, known locally as the Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership], and is required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.3 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.

2. REVIEW OF LAST YEAR

The Partnership has produced a 2013 – 2016 Partnership Plan and Performance Update for 2012 – 2013 which are attached as Annexes A, B and C to this report.

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Resources for the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership are prioritised as part of this action planning process. The Partnership is determined to make best use of its available resources.
- 3.2 Surrey County Council contributed £3,160 towards the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2012/13. The SCC contribution to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership goes into a pooled income pot along with contributions from other organisations.
- 3.3 In 2012/13, the pooled monies were used to support the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator post, Spelthorne Neighbourhood Watch and to support interventions taken by the local Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) and Joint Action Group (JAG). We have also delivered the Junior Citizen Programme to over 1,000 of our year 6 11 year old pupils; delivered a number of intergenerational projects, one of which will feature on BBC in September.
- 3.4 As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees, the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for £3,226 of funding toward community Safety for 2013/14. This funding needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy in agreement with other partners.

4 RESPONDING TO CHANGE

- 4.1 The Partnership seeks to be alert and respond to emerging concerns and patterns of crime and disorder in Spelthorne and also to the changes arising from local governance. It is anticipated that the transfer of public health specialists into the County Council will improve joint working in a number of areas, including community safety, e.g. in relation to drug and alcohol misuse, domestic abuse, mental health and road safety.
- 4.2 Most significantly, the election of Kevin Hurley, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey in November 2012, and the associated changes to funding and governance arrangements, has had implications for the operation of the Partnership.
- 4.3 Un-ring-fenced Government grants which included community safety no longer go to Surrey County Council, but go directly to the Police & Crime Commissioner. He has made it clear that no funding will be made available to Community Safety Partnerships to support posts.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The partnership will need to consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership has been established to improve community safety in Spelthorne by prioritising the key issues within the Borough.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. In Spelthorne the County Council is a 'responsible authority' of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 7.2 Together with key local partners, the LSP/CSP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the Partnership Plan.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution, the Local Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and contributing to the district based community safety strategy.
- 8.2 The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CSP.

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ANNEXES: Annexe A: Community Safety Partnership Plan
Annexe B: Performance Data
Annexe C: Performance Overview

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None