

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: DAVID NORTH
(COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER)****SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP****DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Safer Waverley Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Waverley. Under the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) the County Council is a statutory member of the partnership. The report contains an overview of the partnership's activities in 2012-13 to enable the Local Committee to maintain its overview of community safety in Waverley.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the contents of the annual report of the Safer Waverley Partnership in the year 2012-13, the updated Partnership Plan 2013-16 and the first quarter report for 2013-14.
- (ii) Offer comments on the work of the Partnership and its priorities.
- (iii) Bear the priorities of the Partnership in mind when making decisions on funding.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee wishes to receive periodic reports on the work of the Safer Waverley Partnership, its achievements and priorities and to consider its contribution to these.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The Committee will be aware that the existing arrangements for tackling crime and disorder and promoting community safety on a local basis date back to the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998. The Act established the principle the Police, local authorities and other statutory agencies operating locally should share this responsibility.

1.2 The Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for Waverley. Of the statutory partners, representation

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from Waverley Borough Council, Surrey Police and Probation remains unchanged. Recent reforms have brought within the County Council partners formerly represented separately: the public health functions of NHS Surrey and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT). Formal voting on budgetary responsibility lies with the specified officers representing each of the statutory partners. In this respect the County Council is represented by David North (Community Partnership and Committee Officer) in conjunction with the Community Partnership Team Leader for West Surrey. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is represented separately by Charles Fairfull on behalf of the Area Manager. Representation from the health sector now lies with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and both of the groups covering Waverley (Guildford & Waverley and North East Hampshire & Farnham) have been invited to take part in meetings of the SWP's decision-making Strategy Group. The former Surrey Police Authority was abolished during the year, following the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner with whom the partnership is establishing a relationship of mutual collaboration.

- 1.3 The Community Partnership Team continues to lead for the County Council in co-ordinating the work of the SWP, contributing to the strategic management of the Partnership and ensuring that relevant services are involved.
- 1.4 The Committee maintains an overview of community safety in Waverley under two Executive functions set out in its Scheme of Delegation:
 - 7.2.b(ii) (Decisions on) Community safety funding that is delegated to the Local Committee
 - 7.3(v) Consider priorities for collaborative work undertaken within the committee's area by county services and partners.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The annual report of the SWP is annexed to this report (**Annex 1**), along with the revised Partnership Plan for 2013-16 (**Annex 2**) and the report on the first quarter of 2013-14 (**Annex 3**), all having been approved by the Strategy Group at its meeting on 17 July 2013.
- 2.2 Against the background of reduced finances the partnership continues to promote community safety in Waverley through productive partnership working and, where appropriate, collaboration with neighbouring CSPs. Overall rates of reported crime and anti-social behaviour continued to fall in 2012-13, although there has been a slight increase in overall crime in the first quarter of the current year. The Partnership continues to focus on topics of concern to residents, e.g. road safety, and has mechanisms in place to address emerging patterns of crime and disorder.
- 2.3 The Committee will note cross-cutting themes which relate to its specific responsibilities and areas of interest, e.g. the Local Prevention Framework and Family Support Service. Officers ensure that appropriate links are made with work to strengthen the most vulnerable communities in the borough, as reported to the Committee at its 5 July 2013 meeting.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The Committee is invited to note and comment on the report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The partnership has access to the results of regular resident surveys and where appropriate draws together meetings of all relevant stakeholders to address particular local problems.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 As in previous years, the Committee agreed at its 5 July 2013 meeting at allocate its Community Safety budget for 2013-14 to the Safer Waverley Partnership.

5.2 County Councillors continue to use their local allocations to support initiatives which contribute to the promotion of community safety.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Partnership gives particular attention to these matters and receives regular reports on hate crimes reported in the borough.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Partnership is committed to addressing local concerns and enhancing the resilience of communities.

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	Set out below.
Public Health	Set out below.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The report is exclusively concerned with this topic.

8.2 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

The Partnership has processes in place to address particular concerns and is committed to addressing domestic abuse.

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8.3 Public Health implications

The Partnership worked during the year to promote awareness of alcohol misuse and receives regular reports on licensed premises which are giving cause for concern.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 Committee is invited to note the SWP's ongoing work and its achievements over the year 2012-2013. Members also have this opportunity to comment on future priorities and suggest any further topics for attention.

9.2 The County Council is a statutory partner in CSPs and its services are involved in the promotion of safer and stronger communities in Waverley.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The Community Partnership and Committee Officer will arrange for any comments and suggestions to be reported to the SWP.

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Consulted:

Safer Waverley Partnership

Annexes:

Annex 1: Annual Report of the Safer Waverley Partnership 2012-13
Annex 2: Partnership Plan 2013-16
Annex 3: First quarter report 2013-14

Sources/background papers:

None
