

Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnership – Strategy and Action Plan 2015 – 2016.

Forward

The 2014/15 year was a watershed year for the Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnership (CSP). A number of factors facilitated a review of its organisation and operation leading to a realignment of its strategic direction and expectations of its ability to deliver activities and programmes designed to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. These factors are;

- Annual general financing of the CSP activities now confined to ‘in kind’ resourcing of Community Safety via the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.
- Available funding streams for specific projects and are subject to existing resources and capabilities being able to use the grants when secured.
- The CSP contribution from its funds towards its administration being greater than its income resulting in a year by year reduction in its reserve.
- Partners, statutory and others facing reduction in resources and increasing responsibilities making their ability to meaningfully engage and resource the work of the CSP limited.
- Introduction of legislation that creates a financial burden on the CSP without subsequent funding attached to that burden e.g. Domestic Homicide Reviews, 2014 ASB, Crime & Policing Act.

Strategic Assessment of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour¹

ASB

The total ASB for 2014/15 was down 16.3% for the whole Borough compared to 2013/14.

The largest drop of 29.3% was in Epsom & Ewell West while the lowest drop of 7.7% was in Epsom & Ewell Central.

CRIME

Down from the previous year:

- Domestic burglary: 210 from 263 (- 20.2%)
- Drug offences: 211 from 266 (-20.7)

Static against previous year:

- Vehicle crime

Up from the previous year:

- Fraud and forgery: 2 to 9 (+350%)
- Serious sexual: 33 to 57 (+72.7)
- Violence: [with injury] 230 to 335 (+45.7) [without injury] 467 to 604 (+29.3)

¹ Figures based upon Surrey Police data to end of financial year 2015

Strategic direction

Based upon the finding of the 2014/15 review the following strategic direction has been agreed;

1. To draw together knowledge of the community safety landscape using readily available data and local knowledge of what the issues and drivers are in reducing crime and ASB.
2. To have mechanisms and channels of communication by which partners can impart relevant information to the other partners and equally receive information that would be useful to their own organisations.
3. To deal with local issues of crime and ASB involving individuals and places (CIAGs and JAGs).
4. To respond to statutory requirements placed upon CSPs such as Domestic Homicide Reviews, Community Triggers and other mechanisms set up under the ASB and Policing Act 2014.
5. To report to the relevant scrutiny body within the Borough Council on how it has responded to its crime and disorder functions.

Financial position

The CSP will not set an annual budget but will maintain a reserve to be drawn down for agreed programmes and to meet the legal obligations of the CSP

At the 1st April 2015 the CSP has a reserve of £83,000.

Income of £1,500 has been received from EEBC.

Surrey County Council (Local Committee) has agreed an amount of £3,337 that can be claimed for specific projects that fulfil the objectives of the Local Committee and the CSP.

The CSP has agreed to fund their administration with £7,000 from their reserves.

The Office of the Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner has offered £6,000 designated for specific ASB activities.

Action Plan

Action	Lead	Anticipated outcome	Cost	Status/update
To continue support for the Epsom & Ewell Street Pastors by paying one third of new pastor training fees and supplying/updating IDs.	CSP admin/EEBC	Continued work of Street Pastors in the Epsom & Ewell Town Centre.	£300 (Est.)	One new Pastor training supported. June 15
To negotiate with SCC Children's Services for the reintroduction of the 'CRUSH' healthy relationship.	CSP admin/EEBC	CRUSH project sessions serving the Borough for teenage victim/potential victims of domestic abuse.	£500 (Est)	
To assist in the purchase of two off road motorcycles for Police to use in the prevention of the use of motor cycles in crime and ASB.	CSP	Police to reduce the use of illegal motor cycles and catch the perpetrators of the crime/ASB.	£1,700 (Act)	Motor cycles purchased. May 15
To support the nationals and regional PREVENT/CHANNEL plan.	CSP/EEBC/SP	The CSP receives and disseminates information from the CTLP. PREVENT/CHANNEL principles are embedded in CIAGs and JAGs The CSP participate in in any CHANNEL panels relating to individuals in their area	None.	
To retain governance of the Surrey Supporting Families programme and provide logistical support for the programme staff working in Epsom & Ewell	CSP/EEBC/SCC	Qualifying families are identified and receive the benefits of the programme in line with local and county targets	None.	
To consider individuals who are involved in crime /ASB with a view to intervention (CIAGs)	CSP (Police Lead)	Identified individuals receive support and intervention	None	
To consider areas or locations that are identified as ASB/crime concern with a view to a reduction in incidences of ASB/crime (JAG)	CSP admin/ Agency JAG called by.	Identified areas show a reduction in ASB/crime	None	