

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - END OF YEAR REPORT

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Annexes/Appendices (attached):

Other available papers (not attached):

Report summary

This report fulfils the statutory responsibility to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), for the year 2018-2019

Recommendation (s)

- (1) The Committee is asked to note and comment on the work of the CSP for 2018-2019.**

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 Supporting our Community – Through partnership working with enforcement and support agencies, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) provides the means by which community safety borough issues can be addressed and pressures from outside the borough and region be monitored.

2 Background

- 2.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 made it a requirement for local authorities and the respective police authorities to jointly undertake crime and disorder audits with a view to using the information to develop strategies for dealing with any issues the audit identified.
- 2.2 Subsequently the partnerships were expanded to include Fire and Rescue, Probation and Health Services whilst the police authorities were abolished and the governance transferred to Police and Crime Commissioners.

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- 2.3 Epsom and Ewell Borough is covered by the East Surrey CSP. The East Surrey CSP comprises the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell, Reigate and Banstead and the districts of Mole Valley and Tandridge. The CSP meets quarterly with representation from all the districts and boroughs, the statutory partners and other non statutory invited partners such as housing providers. For the year 2018-2019 the partnership was chaired by the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council.

3 Work of the CSP 2018/19

- 3.1 The operational aspects of the CSP locally are the Community Harm and Risk Management Meetings, (CHaRMM) and Joint Action Groups, (JAG). The CHaRMM agendas are confidential in nature, involving assessment and case management of individuals either as perpetrators or as victims. At any one time over the course of 2018-2019 the CHaRMM meetings involved management of 10-15 adults and juveniles. JAGs in Epsom and Ewell are task and finish groups concerned with antisocial behaviour in a geographical area. In 2018-2019 JAGs were held in connection with issues in Southfield Park, an area of Epsom Town Centre, an area of the Longmead Estate and on the subject of rough sleeping in the borough.

- 3.2 CSP partners have increased joint working during the year including the deployment of counter fly tip and illegal vehicle operations involving the Police, Council, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency plus joint patrols in parks and open spaces between the police and the Council.

- 3.3 The CSP received an application for a Community Trigger (CT) review during the year associated with an area of the borough. This was ultimately found not to have met the threshold for review as the matter was already receiving appropriate attention from partner agencies.

- 3.4 The current priorities of the East Surrey CSP are:

- Domestic abuse
- Serious organised crime (including child exploitation and modern slavery)
- Prevent (counter terrorism)

In addition, the East Surrey CSP has oversight and receives regular updates on crime trends and anti-social behaviour.

- 3.5 The representation on the CSP from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is at head of service level. Typically the Head of Housing and Community Safety attends with the nominated elected member.

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4 Proposals

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note and comment on the work of the CSP for 2018-2019.

5 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 5.1 The CSP has no budgets itself. Funding for individual projects, initiatives and the operation of the CSP itself comes from partner agency budgets. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's contribution to the CSP was managed within set budgets.
- 5.2 In 2019 the Council provided for a fully funded post of Community Safety and Enforcement Officer leading on day to day community safety matters and longer term projects. Through this new position, the Council is able to participate more fully in the work of the CSP.
- 5.3 Resourcing of the CSP meetings themselves are typically borne by the local authority members of the CSP.
- 5.4 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** none arising from the contents of this report.

6 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 6.1 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 (the Regulations) complement the provisions under section 19.
- 6.2 The role of the committee is 'critical friend' of the Partnership, providing it with constructive challenge at a strategic level.
- 6.3 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** none arising from the contents of this report.

7 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 7.1 The work of the CSP promotes community safety and partnership working both in a strategic sense and, through the CHaRMM and JAG processes, an operational sense.

8 Partnerships

- 8.1 The CSP is a partnership between statutory partners and invited non-statutory partners who are in a position to collectively provide solutions to crime and antisocial behaviour.

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9 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 The inherent risks of partnership based approaches have been considered and judged to be of a low risk. All of the statutory and non statutory partners are committed to addressing crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour giving the context for the continuation of a successful partnership.

10 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 10.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the work of the CSP in 2018-2019 and takes advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of the Borough Commander or his representative at the meeting

Ward(s) Affected: (All Wards);