

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - END OF YEAR REPORT

Head of Service:	Rod Brown, Head of Housing & Community
Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership Priorities

Summary

This report fulfils the statutory requirement to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), in 2020-2021.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) The Committee is asked to note and comment on the work of the CSP

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Under the 2006 Police and Justice Act, Councils are required to allocate the scrutiny of the local CSP to one of their committees so as to provide public accountability to the CSP.
- 1.2 Importantly, many of the participants of the CSP including local authorities, police and health services operate under their own scrutiny processes and the Audit, Crime and Disorder and Scrutiny Committee is not required to duplicate that, but to look at the work of the CSP as a whole.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established the principle of partnership working on a formal basis and through several legislative adjustments, this is now achieved in Epsom and Ewell through the Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership.

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- 2.2 The Council's Environment and Safe Communities Committee agreed at its July 2020 meeting to establish a new CSP in the form of the Epsom and Ewell CSP having determined that participation in the previous East Surrey CSP was not adequately serving the needs of borough residents.
- 2.3 The Partnership had its first meeting in August 2020 and aims to meet four times a year. It consists of membership from the following areas
- Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (Chair)
 - Chair of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Environment and Safe Communities Committee
 - Elected Member from Surrey County Council (Local Area Committee nominee)
 - Surrey Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team
 - Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
 - Surrey Heartlands CCG
 - Surrey Fire and Rescue
 - Surrey County Council Community Safety Team
 - Rosebery Housing Association
 - Probation Services
 - Epsom Business Improvement District
- 2.4 At its initial meeting the Partnership agreed terms of reference and subsequently an agreed partnership plan has been adopted focussing on 4 priorities.
- The most vulnerable or those at risk of harm
 - Serious Organised Crime and PREVENT
 - Identifying and tackling crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Improving community engagement

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- 2.5 The mechanisms by which much of this is delivered are via the regular Community Harm and Risk Reduction Meetings (CHaRMM), and the Joint Action Groups (JAG). Additionally a programme of Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Groups (SOCJAG), has recently been established whereby Surrey Police provide intelligence and request intelligence from partner agencies recognising that these agencies are well placed to provide information on suspects given their role in the community.
- 2.6 Although in its early stages, it is anticipated having a local CSP will make it possible to take advantage of external funding opportunities as and when they arise.
- 2.7 The Partnership concluded a Domestic Homicide Review and submitted it to the Home Office.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 The scrutiny of CSP arrangements is written into law and acts to enhance public accountability of partnership activities.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 The work of the CSP inherently seeks to reduce crime and disorder through partnership work.

3.3 Safeguarding

- 3.3.1 The subject of safeguarding is closely tied to that of crime and disorder in the context of the CSP. For example the various types of exploitation often involve vulnerable adults and children.

3.4 Dependencies

- 3.4.1 The partnership's success is dependent on the contribution from all agencies. The Partnership contains both statutory and non-statutory partners and the challenge will be to ensure relevance to all those who can contribute.

4 Financial Implications

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- 4.1 The Council has retained a community safety reserve of **£100,425**. This is held principally to fund any future Domestic Homicide Reviews. The day to day running of the CSP is part of the role of the Council's Community Safety and Enforcement Officer with support from the team manager. Presently the Chair of the Partnership is the Head of Housing and Community Services on an interim basis pending the appointment of the Council's Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration. There are no additional funding requirements as a consequence of this report.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Data sharing is facilitated by the Surrey Information Sharing Protocol enabling the sharing of information where necessary for the prevention or detection of crime.
- 5.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** none arising from the contents of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** Community Safety is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** In the past it was common for partners to physically meet at office locations in Surrey. In common with many subject areas, the Covid-19 pandemic has required the use of virtual meetings and it is expected this will continue with resultant savings in both carbon emissions and improvements in air quality.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** It is expected the CSP will enhance community safety for the reasons set out in this report.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** The local Community Safety Partnership is a statutory arrangement and operates in addition to the day to day working arrangements established between partners.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

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- 25 June 2019 Audit, Crime and Disorder and Scrutiny meeting item 4.

Other papers:

None