

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - ANNUAL REVIEW

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 2021-2022.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Note and comment on the work of the CSP

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 As part of the Police and Justice Act 2006, councils are required to allocate the scrutiny of the local CSP to one of their committees to ensure that the CSP is publicly accountable.
- 1.2 While many of the participants of the CSP including local authorities, police and health services operate under their own scrutiny processes, local council 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 partnership working now active in Epsom and Ewell through the Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership.
- 2.2 The partnership consists of the following agencies:

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- Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (Chair and secretariat)
- 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 Crime Commissioning Group
- Surrey County Council Community Safety Team
- Rosebery Housing Association
- Probation Services
- Epsom Business Improvement District

2.3 During the year the partnership identified and agreed on the following priorities:

- Priority 1: Focus on the most vulnerable or those at risk of harm
- Priority 2: Serious Organised Crime and PREVENT
- Priority 3: Identify and tackling crime and antisocial behaviour
- Priority 4: Improve Community Engagement

Within each broad priority there exist key objectives, for example priority 1 includes actions around Domestic Homicide Reviews, the Community Trigger, Violence against Women and Girls and Domestic Assault.

2.4 The partnership priorities are published on the Council's website and are reproduced as an appendix to this report. Following scrutiny from the Environment and Safer Communities Committee in 2021, a revised approach was taken in the presentation of the actions which now include timescales and a status. In this document a status of blank indicates the action has yet to begin but is within timescales, red indicates the task, project or initiative has yet to commence and is overdue. A status of orange designates it has having started but not concluded and a status of green appears when it has been delivered.

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- 2.5 The mechanisms by which much of the action of the CPS is delivered include the regular Community Harm and Risk Reduction Meetings (CHaRMM) which focus on problem solving around victims and perpetrators, and the Joint Action Groups (JAG), which are problem solving meetings based on geographical boundaries. Additionally, a programme of Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Groups (SOCJAG), whereby Surrey Police provide 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 In 2021-2022 the partnership undertook monthly CHaRMM meetings and SOCJAGS every eight weeks. Five full JAGS were held based around problematic areas as nominated by CSP partners. Various pre-JAG discussions were held where outcomes were found without the need for a full JAG, or where the problem was limited enough not to warrant this type of partnership approach.
- 2.7 The partnership received and held panel meetings for 4 applications for an ASB case review also known as the “community trigger”. It was agreed that all four met the threshold for examination and certain further actions were identified. Additionally the community trigger panel met to consider a long running application from the previous year.

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 Many of the identified priorities of the CSP are covered by the broad subject of safeguarding and the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults is a key consideration of the various elements of the CSP.

3.4 Dependencies

- 3.4.1 The partnership’s success is dependent on the contribution from all agencies.

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4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Although the CSP consists of a variety of statutory and non statutory partners, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council bears the costs of supporting the main CSP which were undertaken within budget whilst Police have traditionally taken the role of Chair and secretary of the CHaRRM meetings. JAG meetings can be chaired by which ever partner calls for them but typically it is the Borough Council which holds responsibility for the operation of the CSP.
- 4.2 The Council has one Community Safety and Enforcement Officer supported by the Public Protection Manager. Together they are responsible for supporting the work of the CSP. Currently the Head of Housing and Community acts as Chair of the CSP.
- 4.3 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Data sharing is provided by agency's signatories to the Multi Agency Information Sharing Protocol (MAISP), which is a legally compliant way of sharing necessary information about subjects for the prevention and detection of crime.
- 5.2 **Legal 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: Safe and Well
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** There is negligible impact on the climate or environmental considerations in the operation of the CSP alone. Since the beginning of the pandemic the main CSP meeting has taken place virtually which reduces the need to travel.
- 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 Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership whose operation complements the day to day functions of those agencies involved.

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7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- Audit, Crime and Disorder and Scrutiny Committee 8 April 2021

Other papers:

- Epsom and Ewell CSP priorities (attached as appendix 1)