

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN

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):	Appendix 1 – Consultation Responses Appendix 2 – Officer Commentary Appendix 3 – Revised Community Safety Action Plan

Summary

This report presents the responses of the recent Public Consultation and the revised Community Safety Action Plan to the Committee.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the outcome of the recent consultation exercise.
- (2) Agree to adopt the Community Safety Action Plan for 2024-2025.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To fulfil the Committee's request for an action plan to be adopted having been subject to public consultation.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the 12 September 2023 meeting, the Committee considered the draft Community Safety Action Plan and agreed to receive the results of a public consultation and any revisions to the plan at its next meeting.

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- 2.2 The consultation took place between the 13 November and 17 December 2023 and was publicised via an update to the Council's consultation webpage, appearing on the website carousel, paid for social media promotion, borough notice boards, a media release, E Borough Insight and by depositing the document in all borough libraries. Additionally, the Chair of the Committee wrote to Surrey County Council, all local political groups, surrounding Councils, parliamentary candidates and the Member of Parliament.
- 2.3 The consultation was responded to by 2 members of the public, the MP, the Business Improvement District and Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrats.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 contains the consultation responses, redacted as appropriate. Appendix 2 contains the responses and the Officers commentary against points raised. Appendix 3 contains the revised Action Plan as amended by the consultation.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 It is considered the Council's Public Sector Equalities Duty is met. The action plan places particular attention on vulnerable people, some of whom will have protected characteristics.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 There is a clear link with Crime and Disorder. By undertaking the actions outlined, the Council will positively contribute to the reduction of Crime and Disorder.

3.3 Safeguarding

- 3.3.1 Links between Community Safety and safeguarding are strong and there is a great deal of crossover. It is considered that the actions contained within the plan are inherently based around victims and are designed with safeguarding of those victims in mind.

3.4 Dependencies

- 3.4.1 There are no dependencies of adoption of the action plan however delivery of the plan is reliant on the present resource allocation remaining.

3.5 Other

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3.5.1 The Committee may wish to note that the key member of staff employed to deliver this service area will be leaving the Council's employment at the beginning of February. It is expected therefore that elements of the plan will need to be prioritised over others whilst the position is recruited to.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no additional implications arising from the contents of this report.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The Council's responsibilities in relation to Community Safety are principally drawn from the requirement to participate in a CSP and from section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which states the Council must,

“exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonable can to prevent;

- Crime and disorder
- The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- Re-offending and
- Serious violence”

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** Having an up to date Community Safety Action Plan contributes to fulfilling this duty.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships:

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Safe and Well, Effective Council

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** As detailed in the body of this report.

6.5 **Partnerships:** The statutory Community Safety Partnership.

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7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- [Community Safety Action Plan, Crime and Disorder Committee 12 September 2023.](#)