

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - END OF YEAR REPORT

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Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision required:

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 2017-2018.

Recommendation (s)

- (1) The Committee is asked to note and comment on the work of the CSP for 2017-2018.**

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.

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- 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.
- 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 2017-2018 the partnership was chaired by the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council.
- 2.4 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 JAGs were held in connection with Epsom town centre and antisocial behaviour to the north of Epsom Railway Station.
- 2.5 A review of the CSP priorities will take place in 2018-2019. The current areas of priority remain
 - Antisocial behaviour
 - Domestic abuse
 - Rural crime
- 2.6 Historically the interface between Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the CSP has been achieved at Officer level. From 2018 this will take place at Head of Service or Chief Officer level, matching the Council's stated ambition to be more proactive in the fields of community safety and enforcement generally.
- 2.7 The role of the Council's Audit, Crime and Disorder and Scrutiny Committee is to scrutinise the work of the CSP in compliance with the requirement placed on the Council as part of the Police and Justice Act 2006. For the 2018 review, the police Borough Inspector has been invited to speak about policing contributions to the work of the CSP.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note and comment on the work of the CSP for 2017-2018.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's contribution to the CSP was managed within set budgets. A major source of expenditure is the borough wide CCTV system comprising 20 cameras within the Borough. The monitoring of these cameras was transferred to Reigate police station in 2017-2018 resulting in a saving of £17,000 which was built into the 2018-2019 budget.
- 4.2 Management of the council's community safety responsibilities has been transferred to the Council's Housing and Community service following the post of Community Safety and Projects Officer becoming vacant, and measures are underway to provide for the continuation of this area of work.
- 4.3 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** The Community Safety spend is within budget. A reserve balance of £83k (at 31/03/2018) exists for Community Safety, of which £10k is earmarked for potential domestic homicide reviews.

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

- 5.1 There is a range of legislation which relates to the role and workings of a CSP (Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011).
- 5.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** This Committee is the Council's designated crime and disorder committee. It has the power conferred by Section 19 and Schedule 8 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and regulations made under Section 20 of that Act to review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the CSP. The power to scrutinise the CSP relates to the partnership as a whole rather than the power to scrutinise individual partners.

6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 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.

7 Partnerships

- 7.1 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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8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 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.

9 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 9.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the work of the CSP in 2017-2018 and takes advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of the Borough Inspector or his representative at the meeting.

Ward(s) Affected: (All Wards);