

Safer Waverley Partnership

**Community Safety
Strategy &
Partnership Plan**

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Foreword:

Waverley is one of the safest areas in the country in which to live and work. The Safer Waverley Partnership is determined not only to keep it that way but also to reduce crime and disorder wherever this is possible.

The Safer Waverley Partnership comprises representatives from all key local public agencies (Surrey Police, Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Surrey Primary Care Trust, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and Surrey Police Authority) and is committed to working together on all local community safety issues.

This year sees a change to the way in which the partnership strategy is produced. It is based on a strategic assessment that has taken place over the last 6 months. This document has been used in drawing up our proposals. The strategic assessment has used consultation findings to inform the proposed priority areas and the actions we propose in this document reflect what you have told us we should do over the next three years. We will be working hard on your behalf during this period to do the things we have promised.

Section 1: Introduction

The Safer Waverley Partnership was formed following the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Act placed a statutory duty on Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Surrey Police to work together to address local crime and disorder problems and improve community safety. The Police Reform Act 2002 introduced further members to the Partnership, which now consists of representatives from Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.

In 2007 further Legislation required the Partnership to conduct an annual strategic assessment of crime and disorder and to produce a rolling 3-year strategy with an annual action plan.

This strategy and plan will come into effect from 1st April 2008, with an annual update of both the strategy and plan. The strategy shows how the Safer Waverley Partnership will prioritise and respond to the findings of the strategic assessment and the community safety issues that are of most concern to those who live and work in the borough. It also ensures that all other relevant local, regional and national agendas are taken into consideration to make this strategy as useful as possible.

The Safer Waverley Partnership

The Safer Waverley Partnership is responsible for delivering this strategy. The following are statutory executive members of the partnership:

- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Primary Care Trust
- Waverley Borough Council
- Surrey Police
- Surrey Police Authority

The year saw the inclusion of the National Probation Service (Surrey) as a new responsible authority.

The partnership also works with many other organisations from both the statutory, voluntary and business sectors to deliver projects but there are too many to list here. The partnership has several delivery groups focusing on areas, individuals and different types of crime and disorder. It also links with groups at divisional, county and regional level.

One of the requirements placed upon the partnership is to review annually whether it has the requisite skills and knowledge to meet its statutory requirements. To do this, the partnership is planning a survey to review both its structure and skills and knowledge.

Section 2: Community Safety Strategy/Plan 2009

In order to prepare a strategy that reflects the priorities for Waverley we undertook wide-ranging research and produced a strategic assessment of community safety related activity. The assessment forms the main basis for the strategy. The strategy also contains details on the current year's action plans and these will detail how the partnership will contribute towards the delivery of the priorities. The assessment and strategy will be refreshed each year and new delivery targets will be agreed. The strategy is not a list of what the individual partners are already doing. It shows where the partnership is adding value by working together.

Below are the plans for each priority area.

Priority 1 - Reducing Crime

Document to be linked/inserted following WaSP/SG agreement.

Priority 2 - Feeling safe, being safe and building confidence in our Communities

Document to be linked/inserted following WaSP/SG agreement.

Priority 3 - Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Document to be linked/inserted following WaSP/SG agreement.

Priority 4 - Addressing Substance Misuse

Document to be linked/inserted following WaSP/SG agreement.

Priority 5: Improving Partnership Performance

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Section 3: Appendices

Appendix 1: Strategic Assessment Executive Summary

This strategic assessment identifies current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse issues from sound evidence and robust analysis. Through assessing such community safety problems the partners will be able to:

- Understand the patterns, trends and shifts relating to crime and disorder and substance misuse;
- Set clear and robust priorities for their partnership;
- Develop activity that is driven by reliable intelligence and meets the needs of the local community;
- Deploy resources effectively and present value for money;

A number of challenges face the partnership during 2009/10, not least of which is the possible impact of the economic downturn in the area.

The Safer Waverley Partnership currently has five key priorities, namely:

- Reducing crime
- Feeling safe, being safe and building confidence in our communities
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Addressing substance misuse
- Improving partnership performance

The results from this assessment suggest that the current strategic priorities are still relevant and that efforts should continue to focus on those areas. There has clearly been success during 2008/09 in addressing certain issues, including:

- Dwelling burglaries
- Acquisitive crime committed by under 18s, except burglaries
- Violence against the person
- Youth on youth violence
- Alcohol related violent crime
- Public place violent crime

Despite the success, efforts should continue to focus on these areas to ensure that the improvement is maintained.

The assessment also highlights areas of concern, which should now be considered for reinforcement or inclusion in the priority areas and the associated plan. These are:

- Theft from vehicles, especially sat-navs and fuel theft.
- Theft of vehicles, especially older vehicles for scrap value.

- Non-dwelling burglaries, especially from sheds.
- Crime in rural areas, particularly acquisitive crime
- The significant amount of crime committed by those offenders who live outside the area, in particular from Hampshire.
- In relation to anti-social behaviour:
 - Teenagers “hanging about”
 - Rubbish/litter and in particular fly tipping
 - The need to increase parental responsibility for their children
 - Increased provision for young people e.g. sports facilities, youth clubs, shelters
 - Tighter control of alcohol sales to young people
- Hazardous drinking of alcohol i.e. above sensible levels
- Perceived personal safety of older members of the community, when they are out and about in the area.
- The wider involvement of members of the community in efforts to address crime and community safety issues.
- Continued attention to road safety, especially in relation to killed and seriously injured casualties, LGV drivers, car occupants and motor cycle riders and passengers.

The plan, which builds on the findings from this assessment, needs to consider what the partnership can add to the process. It needs to focus on those areas where the partnership can add value to existing activity as well as promoting new activity.

In summary, there has been much progress towards addressing the priority areas in 2008/09. This needs to be maintained during 2009/10 together with a focussing on areas of particular concern, highlighted in this assessment.

Appendix 2: Indicators Relevant to Safer Waverley Partnership

Waverley Borough Council Corporate Plan Priorities:

WBC1 Environment - Protecting and enhancing Waverley's unique mix of rural and urban communities

WBC2 Improving lives - Improving the quality of life for all, particularly the more vulnerable within our society

WBC3 Subsidised affordable housing - Working for more affordable housing to be built, and managing Council housing well

WBC4 Leisure - Improving and supporting opportunities for all to take part in sport, recreation and culture

WBC5 Value for money - Ensuring all our activities are customer focused and provide good value for money

Title of National Indicator

Directly Relevant Outcome: Stronger Communities

NI 4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality PSA 21

NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area CLG DSO

Directly Relevant Outcome: Safer Communities

NI 15 Serious violent crime PSA 23

NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime PSA 23

NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour PSA 23

NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police PSA 23

NI 24 Satisfaction with the way the police and local council dealt with anti-social behaviour HO DSO

NI 25 Satisfaction of different groups with the way the police and local council dealt with anti-social behaviour HO DSO

NI 26 Specialist support to victims of a serious sexual offence PSA 23

NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police HO DSO

NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence PSA 23

NI 35 Building resilience to violent extremism PSA 26

NI 41 Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem PSA 25

Title of National Indicator

Related Indicators: Safer Communities.

NI 18 Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision PSA 23

NI 19 Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders PSA 23

NI 22 Perceptions of parents taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children in the area HO DSO

NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders HO DSO

NI 33 Arson incidents HO DSO

NI 34 Domestic violence – murder PSA 23

NI 36 Protection against terrorist attack PSA 26

NI 38 Drug-related (Class A) offending rate PSA 25

NI 39 Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm PSA 25

NI 40 Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment PSA 25

NI 42 Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem PSA 25

NI 47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents DfT DSO

NI 48 Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents DfT DSO

NI 49 Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties (excluding precautionary checks) CLG DSO

Further guidance and detail on National indications can be found at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/finalnationalindicators>