

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19TH NOVEMBER 2019

Title:

SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2019-20

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Anne Marie Rosoman]

[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

To receive a presentation about the Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) and its statutory obligations including case studies of partnership working.

To note the priorities contained within the Safer Waverley Partnership Plan for 2019-20.
To note the structure and terms of reference of the various groups which operate under the SWP.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This report relates to the following line in the Corporate Strategy 2019-2023:
'Engage with all stakeholders to better control crime and anti-social behaviour.'

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The Partnership has a priority to raise awareness of hate crime

Financial Implications:

Any resource implications should be captured in the service plan and included within the detailed 2020/21 budget proposals.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

Background

1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent related acts gave local councils, the police, fire and rescue, probation and local health services, duties to work together to formulate and implement a Community Safety Plan. In addition, Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on local councils to consider the crime and disorder implications of all their day to day activities.
2. Each local area is required to form a Strategy Group to formulate and implement a Community Safety Plan. In Waverley this group is called the Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) Executive Group and is made up of representatives from Waverley Borough Council, Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Probation

Service, and the 'Guildford & Waverley' and 'North East Hampshire & Farnham' Clinical Commissioning Groups.

3. The SWP Executive is responsible for producing a Community Safety Plan. This Plan, the SWP Partnership Plan 2019-20 is contained in Annex 1. The SWP Executive also oversees a number of multi-agency groups which help deliver the Plan. The SWP's structure and terms of reference are set out in Annex 2.
4. Provisions contained within the Police and Justice Act 2006 gave local councils the duty to scrutinise the functioning of the local Community Safety Partnership. Each local council had to put in place a Committee to review and scrutinise and make reports or recommendations about the functioning of the CSP's responsible authorities. The Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee takes on this function in Waverley.
5. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 replaced police authorities (who were a statutory member of the Community Safety Partnership) with directly elected police and crime commissioners (PCCs) in England and Wales. Unlike police authorities, PCCs are not 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, so are not members of CSPs. However, there is a mutual duty on PCCs and CSPs to co-operate to reduce crime and disorder and re-offending. For this reason, a representative from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) attends SWP Executive meetings.
6. The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 established the statutory requirement to carry out Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). This requirement came into force in April 2011 and fell to CSPs. The SWP has, to date, commissioned and overseen five DHRs and is in the process of commissioning a sixth.
7. The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and placed a greater focus on the impact of ASB on victims and their needs. The Community Trigger/ ASB Case Review was introduced to give victims of persistent anti-social behaviour the ability to request a formal case review where a locally defined threshold is met. The CSP is responsible for carrying out these reviews. To date, Waverley has received 3 requests to carry out a Community Trigger. A case study of one of these will be covered in the presentation.
8. The Committee will receive a presentation on the work of the SWP.

Conclusion

9. The Committee will be informed of the statutory obligations placed on the Safer Waverley Partnership and gain an understanding of its work.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee notes priorities contained within the Safer Waverley Partnership Plan 2019-20, and notes the structure and terms of reference of the various groups which operate under the SWP.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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