



# **Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) Partnership Plan 2022-25**

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## Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act gave local agencies shared responsibility for developing and introducing strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) is a statutory partnership of organisations who work together to create strategies and practical interventions to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Waverley.

Members include:

- Surrey Police
- Waverley Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Integrated Care Boards (ICB) - Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership and Frimley Integrated Care Board

The partnership will continue to work with many other public and private partner organisations in addition to community and voluntary groups to deliver community safety projects.

## Partnership Plan

The SWP Partnership Plan 2022-25 is a rolling three-year plan which is reviewed annually and is supported by a delivery plan. It does not seek to include all current activity relating to community safety. It focuses on what can be achieved as a partnership to enable people to live safe lives. It is acknowledged that individual partner agencies will contribute to community safety through their own business processes. This Partnership Plan does not seek to replicate individual partners' own strategies or statutory duties.

### SWP Partnership Plan 2022-25

#### Priority 1: Improve the partnership's response to community harm and anti-social behaviour

- Ensure victims are put first when dealing with anti-social behaviour (ASB), and the ASB principles are recognised locally
- Ensure the effective use of Community Triggers
- Implement Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)
- Ensure the powers introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 are implemented effectively
- Improve the partnership's response to neighbour disputes

#### Priority 2: Themed focus on domestic abuse

- Raise awareness of domestic abuse
- Implement Waverley's Domestic Abuse Pledge
- Expose and work towards ending hidden harms (Violence Against Women and Girls)
- Raise awareness of elder abuse and domestic abuse for professionals to help them locate support and advice for older victims, their friends and family
- Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

### Priority 3: Focus on crimes that most affect Waverley

- Raise awareness of fraud and cybercrime
- Help to make Waverley roads safer
- Rural crime
- Environmental crime
- Business crime

### Priority 4: Responding to the additional vulnerabilities of our residents facing community safety issues

- Identify potential risks and vulnerabilities associated with Ukrainian families resettling within Waverley
- Acknowledge the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the community

## Delivery

The SWP uses a series of multi-agency groups to work towards the key priorities and deliver the action plan. These are the Co-ordination Group (COG), the Joint Action Group (JAG), the Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM) and the Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOC JAG Group). A new Neighbour Dispute Action Group (NDAG) has been established in 2022 to case manage a small number of complex disputes between neighbours which are identified as causing a high risk of harm. These groups are overseen by the SWP Executive.

### SWP Executive

The SWP Executive has overall responsibility for the work of the partnership. It agrees the partnership's priorities, manages performance, monitors outcomes and ensures the partnership is compliant with its statutory responsibilities.

### Co-ordination Group (COG)

The COG is responsible for the delivery of the SWP's Partnership Plan and keeps the partnership's priorities under review and makes recommendations to the SWP Executive should new emerging priorities arise. It agrees how the Partnership's priorities will be delivered and ensures performance outcomes are identified and achieved.

### Joint Action Group (JAG)

The JAG provides a multi-agency forum for the early identification and prevention of emerging chronic and persistent problems affecting communities. Problems can be a specific location or oversight of a themed issue affecting the whole borough. Sub-groups can be established, called task and finish groups, to resolve problems at specific locations.

### Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM)

The CHaRMM discusses and agrees action to reduce the negative impact that individuals and families have on the local community through their anti-social behaviour. Members share information on referrals, and incidents, and put in place appropriate risk management and disruption plans to address the behaviour of the perpetrator and reduce the negative impact on victims.

### Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOC JAG)

The SOC JAG provides a framework partners to work together to tackle serious organised crime. This includes modern day slavery, drug related harm and county lines, economic crime

including fraud and cyber crime and organised acquisitive crime. Meetings aim to provide a regular means of sharing and understanding the risks in the borough and having the opportunity to give a partnership response to problem solving.

#### Neighbour Dispute Action Group (NDAG)

The NDAG provides a case management forum to case manage complex neighbour disputes where there is more than one agency or department dealing with the issues being reported and/or there is a high risk of harm.

#### **Data**

The Partnership uses a variety of data to help inform its priorities. Each partner will draw upon data from within their own organisations to help identify priorities for the SWP Partnership Plan and focus key areas of partnership work. This is carried out on an ongoing basis to ensure resources and partnership activity is targeted at where it is most needed.

#### **Review**

The SWP Executive Group has overall responsibility for the delivery of the Partnership Plan, with the COG overseeing the progress on a regular basis, via an action tracker.

The SWP Executive and associated sub-groups will be reviewed on a regular basis, to ensure the terms of reference are relevant and fit for purpose. An annual overview of the work and priorities is reported to Waverley Borough Council's Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Link to County Priorities**

##### Surrey Community Safety Agreement

The Surrey Community Safety Agreement (CSA) sets out how the responsible authorities will work together to identify and address shared priorities in relation to reducing crime and disorder. It is a statutory document that is a requirement for two tier authorities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006).

It is also a requirement in such two-tier local authority areas, that there is a County Strategy Group to bring together all district, borough and relevant partners responsible for community safety activity. Following the merger of the Community Safety Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) in March 2020, the HWBB now performs this function.

The Surrey Community Safety Agreement 2021-25 aims to:

1. Protect the most vulnerable from exploitation
  - a. Child exploitation
  - b. County lines and serious violence
  - c. Domestic Abuse
  - d. Fraud
  - e. Preventing Violence Extremism
  - f. Human trafficking and modern slavery
  
2. Protect communities from harm
  - a. ASB
  - b. Drug related harm
  - c. Arson
  - d. Road Safety

### 3. Empower communities to feel safe

The agreement also aims to deliver against the Health and Wellbeing Strategy's commitment to: Helping people live healthy lives; Supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of people in Surrey; and Supporting people in Surrey to fulfil their potential.

#### Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibilities Act 2011 the SWP has a mutual duty with the PCC to co-operate to reduce crime and disorder. For this reason, a representative from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) attends SWP Executive meetings and the partnership gives consideration to the priorities by the PCC to ensure they are reflected locally where they are in support of local priorities. The Police and Crime Plan 2021-25 priorities are:

- Reducing violence against Women and Girls
- Protecting people from harm in Surrey
- Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe
- Strengthening relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents
- Ensuring safer Surrey roads

#### **New Legislation, policy and guidance**

Over the last few years there has been significant amount of new legislation, policy and guidance which all impacts on the work of the community safety partnership.

#### Domestic Abuse Act 2021

[Domestic Abuse Act 2021: overarching fact sheet. Updated 11 July 2022](#)

The Act includes within Part 4 (Sections 57-61) new duties on Tier 1 local authorities in England relating to the provision of support for victims and their children residing within relevant safe accommodation and a duty on Tier 2 authorities to co-operate with Tier 1 authorities.

#### Beating Crime Plan 2021

[Beating Crime Plan](#)

The Beating Crime Plan contains Government commitments which will impact on the way local partnerships respond to crime and anti-social behaviour. It will be important for the SWP to take these into consideration when formulating its partnership plan.

#### Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021: serious violence duty

[Serious Violence duty: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 factsheet updated 20 August 2022](#)

The Serious Violence Duty requires local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence-based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in a local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those particular issues.

## **Covid-19 pandemic and Ukrainian crisis**

The last few years have seen public services put under considerable strain by global emergencies and this has had an impact on the work of the partnership as well as increasing the types of risks and vulnerabilities in our communities.

## Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>Abbreviation/ Acronym</b>	<b>Name</b>
ASB	Anti-Social behaviour
COG	Co-ordination Group
CHaRMM	Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting
CSA	Community Safety Agreement
C-SPA	Children's Single Point of Access
CT	Community Trigger
DA	Domestic Abuse
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
HWBB	Health and Wellbeing Board
ICB	Integrated Care Board
JAG	Joint Action Group
NDAG	Neighbour Dispute Action Group
NRM	National Referral Mechanism
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner
PSPO	Public Spaces Protection Order
RMM	Risk Management Meeting
SAM	Surrey Adults Matter
SAR	Safeguarding Adults Review
SOC JAG	Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SWP	Safer Waverley Partnership
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
WBC	Waverley Borough Council