

# Crime and Disorder Committee

Thursday 15 July 2010 7.30pm

**Council Chamber**  
**Runnymede Civic Centre, Addlestone**

## Members of the Committee

Councillors P B Tuley (Chairman), C J Chapman (Vice-Chairman), H A Butterfield, Mrs R M Denby, J M Edwards, Mrs L M Gillham, A M Moore, C J Norman and A P Tollett

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- a) Exempt Information  
(No reports to be considered under this heading)
- b) Confidential Information  
(No reports to be considered under this heading)

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman will read the Fire Precautions which set out the procedures to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

2. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

3. MINUTES

To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 3 February 2010 which were included in the March 2010 Minute book.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If Members have an interest in an item please record the interest on the form circulated with this Agenda and hand it to the Legal Representative or Committee Administrator at the start of the meeting. A supply of the form will also be available from the Committee Administrator at meetings.

Members who have previously declared interests which are recorded in the Minutes to be considered at this meeting need not repeat the declaration when attending the meeting. Members need take no further action unless the item in which they have an interest becomes the subject of debate, in which event the Member must leave the room if the interest is personal and prejudicial.

Members may wish to note Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Members (pages 358 to 360 in the Council's Constitution) which sets out the definitions of personal and prejudicial interests.

Members' attention is drawn to Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Code of Conduct which relate to prejudicial interests arising in relation to overview and scrutiny committees. These paragraphs read as follows:-

**"Prejudicial interests arising in relation to overview and scrutiny committees**

11. You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where –
- (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
  - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

**Effect of prejudicial interests on participation**

12. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority –
- (a) you must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting considering the business is being held –
    - (i) in a case where sub-paragraph (2) applies, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence;
    - (ii) in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at that meeting; unless you have obtained a dispensation from your authority's standards committee
  - (b) you must not exercise executive functions in relation to that business; and
  - (c) you must not seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.

- (2) Where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority, you may attend a meeting (including a meeting of the overview and scrutiny committee of your authority or of a sub-committee of such a committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise”.

6. FEAR OF CRIME SURVEY 2010 (DTS)

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 **To provide Members with the results of the latest Fear of Crime Survey undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership as shown at Appendix 'A '.**

2. **Background Information**

- 2.1 This survey is one of a series of surveys undertaken by Geoff Berry Associates dating back to 1997. The continuity of both surveys and consultant allows us to track the progress and gaps of the general Community Safety work in the borough.

3. **Report**

- 3.1 The report highlights the significant amount of good work in the borough and the continued fall in number of those residents that feel 'Fear of Crime' affects their lifestyle. This drop is also echoed in the level of concern around crime and anti-social behaviour across the borough.
- 3.2 The gaps identified are mainly around the promotion of the CCTV cameras and the Partnership. Further actions will be considered to address these issues although the promotion of the CCTV systems successes are handicapped by issues of subjudice in many cases.
- 3.3 Geoff Berry will do a presentation to Members on the survey on a date to be arranged.

4. **Equality Implications**

- 4.1 The practices and procedures of the Safer Runnymede Control Centre cover all aspects of the equality legislation and are adhered to stringently.

5. **Council Policy**

- 5.1 The Council's Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan contains an aim of maintaining safe streets and key actions include tackling anti-social behaviour, maintaining downward trend in incidents of crime, enhancement of CCTV coverage and communication of facts about crime levels to residents and businesses.

**(FOR INFORMATION)**

Background Papers

Community Safety Survey report – Geoff Berry Associates.

7. SAFER RUNNYMEDE ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10 (DTS)

Attached at Appendix 'B' is the Annual Report by the Community Safety Manager on the Community Safety operations and activities in the borough. In particular, details of CCTV are reported as required by the relevant Code of Practice.

The Community Safety Manager compiles a wealth of statistical management information throughout the year which can be made available to Members as and when required.

**(FOR INFORMATION)**

Background Papers

None

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PEER REVIEW (DTS)

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 **To inform Members of the findings of the IDeA Peer Review of the Community Safety Partnership undertaken in January 2010 and highlight the immediate intended changes to the working of the Partnership as a result.**

2. Background Information

2.1 The IDeA were invited in to undertake the Peer Review as a result of a number of changes within the Partnership. It was considered a good point to look at the workings of the group and assess the need for any changes to current practice. The IDeA report is attached at Appendix 'C'.

3. Report

3.1 The following recommendations were made by the Peer Review Group and the responses of the CDRP thereon are indicated in **bold**.

Recommendation 1

Conclude the debate on the merger of Safer Runnymede with the two neighbouring Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, in order to clarify the future role and form of the partnership.

Response

**The merging of the Community Safety Partnerships is currently on hold; however, there is a possibility that this line of thinking will be revisited and other opportunities for merging and cross-borough working will be put forward.**

Recommendation 2

Ensure actions are embedded in the partnership plan to reduce the crime rate to at least 2008/09 levels.

Response

**The Partnership believes that this recommendation has been completed; however, results will not be apparent until the crime figures for 2010/2011 are released.**

Recommendation 3

Shift a greater balance of resources into reassurance/confidence to more effectively address the perception of crime amongst local people.

Response

**The Partnership will be using the latest results from the Geoff Berry survey to target its resources to tackle issues of perception.**

Recommendation 4

Evaluate current initiatives and projects to identify 'what works' in keeping crime low and concentrate the partnership's resources in these areas.

Response

**Evaluation of current projects is ongoing and the Partnership will look at what works in keeping crime low and replicate it where resources allow.**

#### Recommendation 5

The Executive to engage probation, the PCT, Social Services and the borough's Council Housing and Leisure Services in a constructive debate to ensure they make a fuller contribution to improving community safety outcomes.

#### Response

**Steps have already been taken to improve agencies participation in the work of the Partnership.**

#### Recommendation 6

Take a more pro-active approach to identifying and dealing with problems including exploring options to join up partners' analytical capability.

#### Response

**Actions are already in place to resolve this which includes a multi agency secure IT system and further use of analytical capability within Surrey Police.**

#### Recommendation 7

Shape the partnership's Crime and Disorder Plan to make it sharper and more outcome focused.

#### Response

**Work is ongoing on this recommendation.**

#### Recommendation 8

The Executive to take greater ownership of the Crime and Disorder Plan and be more challenging in the delivery of its priorities and objectives.

#### Response

**The Executive considered ways to achieve this recommendation and a new system of monitoring and reporting on the Community Safety Plan will be trialled.**

#### Recommendation 9

Develop proposals for a structured overall approach to engaging local communities on community safety issues.

#### Response

**A new Community Engagement approach was discussed at the last Community Safety Partnership meeting but no structured plan is yet in place.**

#### 4. Financial Implications

4.1 The funding situation is still unclear and no recommendations are being made for funding apart from monies already committed (through contracts, long term commitments etc).

#### 5. Council Policy

5.1 The Council's Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan contains an aim of maintaining safe streets and key actions include tackling anti-social behaviour, maintaining downward trend in incidents of crime, enhancement of CCTV coverage and communication of facts about crime levels to residents and businesses.

**OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION that –**

**the responses of the CDRP be noted and the Committee be invited to submit any comments thereon to the CSP.**

**(TO RESOLVE)**

Background Papers

IDeA review

9. CO-OPTION TO CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE (DAL)

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 **To consider co-options to the Crime and Disorder Committee.**

2. Report

2.1 The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations have now been amended to enable the co-option of members of the public and representatives from community groups to Overview and Scrutiny Committees and in effect from 1 April 2010, will enable anyone to be co-opted, subject to the discretion of the Committee.

2.2 If the Committee believe it would benefit from having the objective voice and experience of the public, it is now able to invite a member of the public or a representative of the community group to sit on the Committee.

2.3 **The Committee is invited to consider co-options onto the Crime and Disorder Committee or ad hoc invites of members of the public and representatives from community groups.**

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee is minded to consider any of the forgoing reports in private, it is the

**OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION that –**

**the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following report under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the report in question would be likely to involve disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

**(TO RESOLVE)**

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