

Presentations

Portfolio	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To receive presentations from the Camberley Street Angels, Your Sanctuary and the Surrey Police and Crime Panel

Camberley Street Angels

1. The Camberley Street Angels are teams of volunteers trained to provide a calming presence in Camberley town centre. They believe that people deserve care and love in their time of need. Those needs could be as a result of homelessness, intoxication, drug abuse, assault or any other issue which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.
2. The Street Angels help people, whoever they are and whatever their situation, for example by listening, caring, offering practical help or by referring people to other (specialist) agencies who can help them.
3. Street Angels are trained in a wide range of issues and skills including personal safety, listening skills, cultural awareness, understanding the town, drugs and alcohol awareness, child protection and working with the emergency services.
4. Supported by Surrey Police and the Surrey Heath Partnership, Camberley Street Angels operate on Friday and Saturday nights, from 10.00 p.m. until around 4.00 a.m., when all the bars and clubs have closed. They patrol on foot and have direct contact by radio with each other, the team base, the CCTV centre and Surrey Police/emergency services.
5. The Street Angels operate under the management of Churches Together in Camberley with volunteers, who are over 18 and CRB checked.
6. The Camberley Street Angels Coordinator, Peter Caddick (07825 871010 or camberleystreetangels1@gmail.com), is responsible for the recruitment (and checking), training, deployment and support for volunteer Street Angels. Peter works in collaboration with the emergency services and this Council.
7. Karen Kendall, the Partnership Development Officer for Churches Together Camberley, will make a presentation on the work of the Camberley Street Angels and answer Members questions.

Your Sanctuary

8. Your Sanctuary, previously known as Surrey Women's Aid, has carried out domestic abuse outreach service for Surrey Heath residents for the last 7 years. This service is commissioned by the Safer Surrey Heath Partnership (SSHP).
9. Your Sanctuary works to empower and meet the emotional and practical needs of people affected by domestic abuse in Surrey Heath. It provides the following services:
 - Provision of direct support to survivors of domestic abuse in order that their safety and quality of life may be improved;
 - Provision of information and support on a variety of different issues including legal, housing and benefits;
 - Work on preventing re-victimisation offering support during resettlement and separation;
 - Aim to intervene at the earliest opportunity to prevent the risk of abuse escalating; and
 - Active and proactive encouragement of multi-agency and joint working in response to domestic abuse.
10. According to the Home Office, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in Surrey will experience some form of domestic abuse in their lifetime. If those statistics were applied to Surrey Heath, this would equate to more than 13,500 female residents and 6,600 male residents affected, before consideration is given to the impact on young children.
11. Fiamma Pather, the Your Sanctuary Operations Manager, will attend the meeting to give a presentation and respond to Members' questions.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel

12. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 underpins governance and accountability arrangements for policing in Surrey, which included the formation of a Police and Crime Panel.
13. The role of the Panel is to examine the actions and decisions of Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner and to make sure information is available for the public, so that they can hold their Commissioner to account.
14. The Panel is a joint committee hosted by Surrey County Council, and consists of one elected Member from each of Surrey's twelve local authorities and two co-opted independent members.

15. Surrey Heath Borough Council is represented by Councillor Charlotte Morley and she has agreed to give a presentation to the Committee on the work of the Panel.

Proposal

16. It is proposed that the Committee receives each presentation, followed by Members' questions and discussion.

Recommendation

17. The Committee is asked to consider the presentations and consider any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

Background Papers:

None

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