

Surrey Heath Borough Council
External Partnerships Select Committee
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Camberley Street Angels

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Purpose

To receive an update presentation from Mike Thomason.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the presentation in relation to Surrey Heath and any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

1. Background and Supporting Information

- 1.1 Camberley Street Angels were introduced a number of years ago in Camberley town centre. The project is managed within the remit of Churches Together in Camberley, a local registered charity, all are over 18, DBS checked, interviewed and trained.
- 1.2 The concept is based around volunteers who 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.
- 1.3 The volunteers will 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. The service can make a really positive impact on crime and antisocial behaviour in town centres (particularly in the vicinity of bars and clubs) by providing a calming presence on the streets late at night.
- 1.4 The co-ordinator is responsible for the recruitment (and checking), training, deployment and support for volunteer Street Angels. The co-ordinator works in collaboration with the Police and emergency services, the Borough Council,

Town Centre Management, Door Staff, Pub Watch and other agencies in Camberley.

- 1.5 Mike Thomason will update members on Camberley Street Angel service post pandemic.

Background Papers

Churches Together Charity Information