

Presentation – Crime and Disorder

Portfolio	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To receive a presentation from Borough Commander, Inspector Bob Darkens, Surrey Police.

Surrey Police

1. Surrey covers 644 square-miles, with one county council, eleven boroughs and district councils, six clinical commissioning groups and five major hospitals. It has 62 motorway miles, including the busiest stretch of the M25. Surrey's rivers include the Thames which is notable for its flooding risk and the county is 73% greenbelt. Surrey borders the UK's two busiest airports and is one of the most densely populated counties in South East England.
2. Surrey Police are committed to providing the best possible policing service to the Surrey public and fundamentally believe that they cannot effectively do their job without the support of residents. Working together is the only way to successfully tackle crime and they continue to value the input they receive from local people.
3. Surrey Police's vision is to make Surrey the safest it can be.

Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner

4. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 underpinned new governance and accountability arrangements for policing in Surrey, which included the formation of a Police and Crime Panel and the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner.
5. David Munro, the Conservative candidate, was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey following elections on 5 May 2016. David Munro took over from Kevin Hurley who was the previous PCC for Surrey (2012-16).
6. The PCC is responsible for setting the strategic objectives for policing in the County. This includes setting and updating a police and crime plan, setting the force budget and precept, and appointing or dismissing the Chief Constable.
7. These arrangements are designed to increase transparency of the delivery of policing services, and to give the public the ability to ensure their police are accountable. As such, the Chief Constable of Surrey Police is accountable to the PCC, and the PCC is accountable to the electorate. The PCC is not expected to run the police as the day-to-day direction and control remains with the Chief Constable. The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people.
8. The PCC aims to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service, providing stronger and more transparent accountability of the police. They ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, by working in partnership across a range of agencies, at a local and national level, to ensure there is a unified approach to prevent and reduce crime.

9. The PCC has published the full Police and Crime Plan which details the six public police and crime priorities for Surrey. This Plan sets the strategic direction for the Force and partners in criminal justice and community safety.
- Cutting Crime and Keeping Surrey Safe
 - Making Our Town Centres Safe
 - Supporting Victims
 - Tackling Rural Crime
 - Tackling the Threat of Terrorism
 - Making Every Pound Count

The Police and Crime Panel will play a key role in scrutinising decisions made by the PCC in connection to these responsibilities.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel

10. 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 PCC to account.
11. The Panel is a joint committee hosted by Surrey County Council, and consists of one elected councillor from each of Surrey's twelve local authorities and two co-opted independent members. Surrey Heath Borough Council is represented on the Panel by Cllr Charlotte Morley.

Surrey Heath Community Safety Partnership

12. Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, agencies in England and Wales have a statutory duty to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to tackle key community safety issues. CSP's are required to review the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in the area, and develop and implement strategies to tackle these problems. The statutory partners include Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Surrey and Sussex Probation Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Surrey Heath Clinical Commissioning Group, Surrey Heath Borough Council.
13. The Partnership meets three times a year and is chaired by the Leader, Cllr Moira Gibson. A number of successful joint projects are delivered such as the Young Citizen event, Road Education and Enforcement Days and test purchasing at licensed premises (to prevent selling illegal substances e.g. cigarettes and alcohol to children).
14. Surrey Police is represented by Surrey Heath's local Borough Commander, Inspector Bob Darkens. Inspector Darken will give a verbal update on the current crime and disorder profile for Surrey Heath and the approaches used to tackle the priorities.

Recommendation

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

Background Papers: None.
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