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Notice of meeting

Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee

Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18

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To the members of the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee

Councillors:

S.M. Doran (Chair) M. Bing Dong S.A. Dunn M.M. Attewell (Vice-Chair) J.R. Boughtflower K.M. Grant

M. Arnold M. Buck
C. Bateson R. Chandler

Substitute Members: Councillors M. Beecher, H.S. Boparai, T. Burrell, R.V. Geach,

S. Gyawali and A. Mathur

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Agenda

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1.	Apologies and Substitutes	
	To receive apologies of absence and notification of substitutions.	
2.	Disclosures of Interest	
	To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for members.	
3.	Minutes	3 - 6
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2025 as a correct record.	
4.	Questions from members of the Public	7 - 8
	The Chair, or their nominee, to answer any questions raised by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 40.	
	At the time of publication of this agenda two questions had been received. (see attached sheet)	
5.	Review of Community Safety	9 - 46
	The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and the progress achieved during the reporting period.	
6.	Q and A with Borough Commander	
	To allow members to put any relevant questions to the Borough Commander.	
7.	Forward Plan	47 - 50
	To consider the Forward Plan for committee business.	

Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee 30 September 2025

Present:

Councillor M.M. Attewell (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

M. Arnold M. Bing Dong K.M. Grant

C. Bateson M. Buck

Substitutions: Councillors T. Burrell

S. Gyawali

Apologies: Councillors S.M. Doran, J.R. Boughtflower and S.A. Dunn

34/25 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 03 June were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

35/25 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

36/25 Questions from members of the Public

There were none.

37/25 Review of Training in Parks

Committee considered a report that sought approval for the continuation of the Group Training Licences in Parks Policy that was adopted last autumn when it was agreed to review it annually. When this was originally approved at the Committee it was agreed that this was never to be just a money making policy but one that would encourage residents to take part in fitness classes. The Committee were advised that there were currently only two groups that applied for and still held a licence; both of these licences were for only one park. When applying for a licence the groups would need to have shown proof of liability insurance and qualifications held relevant to providing fitness training.

Committee **resolved** to approve the continuation of the Group Training Licences in Parks Policy and review the fees and charges annually in line with all Council fees and charges.

38/25 Additional Annual Grant Application 2025/26

The Committee was advised that there was currently an underspend of £5985.00 in the Annual Grant Funding budget that was ring fenced for projects that arose later in the financial year.

The Spelthorne Museum was moving from its current location in the old Library to the new Library. Listed building consent was needed to facilitate removal of the London Stone from one location to the other. This would be at a cost of £588.00 so approval had been sought from the Grant Panel for this amount to be awarded to the Spelthorne Museum. The Grants Panel had recommended that the Council approves the award in the sum of £588.00 from the underspend in the Annual Grant Funding 2025/26.

The Committee expressed their gratitude for the volunteers that currently worked in the Museum.

Committee resolved to:

- Note the recommendation of the Grants Panel in relation to Spelthorne Museum; and
- 2. Recommend to Council that it approves the award of £588 to the Spelthorne Museum.

39/25 Eclipse Leisure Centre Safeguarding Follow-up

The Community Development Manager advised the Committee that concerns had been raised by committee members at the last meeting around the teaching pool viewing area.

Work was undertaken to review all the safeguarding procedures that Places Leisure currently had in place. Officers were satisfied that the procedures complied with safeguarding legislation and good practice. It was noted that a number of Leisure Centres throughout Surrey had public viewing areas that allowed sight of the teaching pools and that within the Eclipse Leisure Centre the viewing areas allowed sight of both the teaching pool.

The Committee were advised that under the current operator contract, Places Leisure should allow free access to the showers within the Leisure Centre for those rough sleepers that were referred by the Housing Team. The Group Head Community and Wellbeing advised that only 2 people had been referred in the last year.

Committee resolved to:

- Recognize that Places Leisure have comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures in place to keep children and adults at risk safe. Further physical access restrictions are not required. The policies and procedures will be kept under periodic review; and
- Not to vary the Places Leisure contract so that street homeless housing clients can continue to be referred by Council Housing Team to the Leisure Centre for a shower.

40/25 Drug, Alcohol and Gambling Referrals

The Independent Living Strategic Lead (ILSL) gave the Committee a short update on the Council's response to drug, alcohol and gambling issues within the Borough following a request from Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

The ILSL advised the Committee that the current two tier model of governance, borough/district Councils and Surrey County Council (SCC), meant that a lot of the work around drug, alcohol and gambling issues sat with SCC under their public health remit. However, monthly meetings were held with the Public Health Team to drive forward joint initiatives under the Healthy Communities Partnership Board. This Board then reports back to the Healthy Communities Partnership Board on a quarterly basis.

The Borough council has responsibility for licencing within the Borough and receive regular advice from 'Gam Care'.

Joint initiatives and action plans are used to ensure a joined up, cohesive way of working to enable both the Council and SCC provide the best response to gambling, drug and alcohol issues.

The Committee **resolved** to note the update.

41/25 Urgent Actions

The Independent Living Strategic Lead (ILSL) advised the Committee that only one urgent action needed to be reported back to the Committee, which was the Fordbridge Community Centre alterations.

The Committee were advised that Councillor Sexton, in her role as a Surrey County Councillor, had obtained funding from Surrey County Council for alterations to be made to the Fordbridge Community Centre to improve the flexible use of the space. The Leader had a very tight deadline to apply for this funding so agreement for this project had to be made under delegated authority.

The work was nearing completion and has helped create a better flow around the centre for the residents attending and has allowed staff to use the space in a more flexible manner.

The ILSL advised the Committee that a report would need to be brought to this Committee in respect of the Meals on Wheels service provided by the Council. The procurement for both the vans and meals were initially combined as one company provided both. Subsequently, it was decided that these elements needed to be split and two separate contracts would be needed; work on this has been commenced.

42/25 Forward Plan

The Deputy Chief Executive advised the Committee that, as a result of the Improvement and Recovery Plan (IRP), the Service Plan for this Committee had been pushed back to the January committee cycle and would be presented to the Committee on the meeting to be held on 13 January 2026.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the Forward Plan.

AOB: The Vice-Chair, Councillor Attewell expressed her disappointment that neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair of this Committee had been involved in the IRP and asked that this was minuted.

The Vice-Chair asked that it be noted that the official opening of the Eclipse Leisure Centre, that took place that afternoon, had been a great success and she wanted to thank Kamal and Lisa for all their hard work in creating a first class organised event.

Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee – 18 November Public Questions

Question 1 from Jason Camis:

Recognising more than a year has passed since the Leisure Operating contract moved from Everyone Active to Places Leisure, would the Committee please confirm in what the dilapidations sum received from Everyone Active has been invested at Sunbury Leisure Centre.

In the event the full sum received have not been reinvested, would the Committee please confirm the scope and timetable of the investment?

Question 2 from Jason Camis:

Preamble:

Publicity in Summer 2024 heralded that Spelthorne Council had been awarded just under £995,000 by the Government and Sport England to add solar panels and replace old gas boilers with heat pumps at Sunbury Leisure Centre. The award represented the highest grant given to any authority in the South East and was due to be spent by March 2025. The grant conditions were accepted under delegated authority by Terry Collier in his capacity as the Councils Statutory Chief Financial Officer.

Would the Environment and Sustainability Committee confirm gas usage at the centre has been reduced to zero as a result, taking a big step towards meeting the Council's carbon reduction targets and if the benefits anticipated have not been achieved, would the Committee please explain why?

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Review of Community Safety Priorities & Action Plan

Please submit the completed checklists with your report. If final draft report does not include all the information/sign offs required, your item will be delayed until the next meeting cycle.

Stage 1
Report checklist – responsibility of report owner

ITEM	Yes / No	Date
Councillor engagement / input from Chair prior to	No	10/10/25
briefing		
Commissioner engagement (if report focused on	No	10/10/25
issues of concern to Commissioners such as		
Finance, Assets etc)		
Relevant Group Head review	Yes	14/10/25
MAT+ review (to have been circulated at least 5	Yes	10/10/25
working days before Stage 2)		
This item is on the Forward Plan for the relevant	Yes	10/10/25
committee		
	Reviewed	
	by	
Finance comments (circulate to Finance)		
Risk comments (circulate to Lee O'Neil)	Yes	04/11/25
Legal comments (circulate to Legal team)	CU	17/10/25
HR comments (if applicable)	N/A	

For reports with material financial or legal implications the author should engage with the respective teams at the outset and receive input to their reports prior to asking for MO or s151 comments.

Do not forward to stage 2 unless all the above have been completed.

Stage 2
Report checklist – responsibility of report owner

ITEM	Completed by	Date
Monitoring Officer commentary – at least 5 working days before MAT	LH	20/10/25
S151 Officer commentary – at least 5 working days before MAT	ТС	20/10/25
Confirm final report cleared by MAT	TC	04/11/25

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Community, Wellbeing & Housing Committee 18 November 2025

Title	Review of Community Safety Priorities & Action Plan 2025
Purpose of the report	To acknowledge progress update contained in this report
Report Author	Will Jack – Community Safety Manager
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	Not applicable
Corporate Priority	Community
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: Acknowledge progress update contained in this report
Reason for Recommendation	The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of current crime levels, highlight areas of improvement or concern, and outline ongoing initiatives aimed at reducing crime and enhancing public safety across the borough.
	This report provides Members with an update on crime statistics in Spelthorne for the 2024/25 reporting year. It summarises key trends, progress to date, and actions taken in partnership with Surrey Police and other community safety stakeholders.
	The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and the progress achieved during the reporting period.

1. Executive summary of the report (expand detail in Key Issues section below)

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
 The Community Safety team has an agreed Community Safety Priorities & Action Plan in place with a process in place to review the plan every year. 	 To complete the agreed action as defined in the original plan which is A requirement of Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps
 Note the progress within updated plan incorporating statutory and local crime and disorder reduction measures through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership. 	Consider and acknowledge the update report.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 This report covers two issues. The first being the legal requirement to maintain an active Community Safety Partnership. In this borough this is referred to as Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership or (SSSP). The Community Safety Team are agents of the SSSP and as such represent the SSSP at various partnership groups and meetings pertaining to the reduction of crime & disorder throughout the borough. They are also responsible for safeguarding victims and creating processes to actively prevent harm to all.
- 2.2 The second section of this report outlines the local priorities, which form the focus of partnership efforts to reduce crime and disorder. Some priorities are determined by national government, while others are derived from the findings of the annual Crime Strategic Assessment, the Organised Crime Local Profiles, and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.3 This section also provides an update on progress against the Borough's Community Safety priorities, including the incorporation of new actions arising from recent analysis of the Ashford Crime Hotspot.
- 2.4 The updated Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2024-26 is attached at Appendix A.

3. Options appraisal and proposal

- 3.1 The plan is a three-year strategy; the priorities were agreed at the commencement of the plan in 2024. The risk to not continuing with the plan is that of increased crime & disorder, a reduction in public confidence and community support. There are also associated risks with failure to address key priorities to resourcing.
- 3.2 The plan evidences a focus on partnership direction when seeking to meet the needs of the communities affected, In real terms this means that community issues that centre on crime & disorder are discussed with all partners and the appropriate responses implemented.

4. Risk implications

- 4.1 Strategic and operational risks are covered within each operation and crime & anti-social behaviour reduction initiative. These will be created as collaborative risk assessments based on the key responses in each joint-agency operation. There are no financial risks identified within the plan.
- 4.2 Legal compliance is at the heart of Community Safety and additional training on new and changing legislation is undertaken regularly to mitigate those legal risks. Finally, reputational risks are managed by ensuring that the published plan is adhered to and the community is regularly updated with ongoing progress.

Reviewed by Lee O'Neill

5. Financial implications

There are currently no financial risks identified. The Community Safety Team receives external funding for specific initiatives, such as the Football Project. All funding bids are managed collaboratively through the external fund holders and the Borough Finance Unit, ensuring transparency and accountability through established scrutiny processes.

6. Legal comments

- 6.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, sets out a statutory requirement for local authorities, and other key responsible authorities, to work together to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and minimise re-offending in local areas.
- 6.2 Under s6(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended, responsible authorities for a local government area are required to formulate and implement: a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), b) a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area, c) a strategy for reducing re-offending in the area, and d) a strategy for preventing people from being involved in serious violence in the area and reducing instances of serious violence in the area. This Act also gives statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities, and local authorities are required to lead on the production of a comprehensive Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.
- 6.3 The Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 creates a Serious Violence Duty which requires organisations to work together to share information, analyse the local needs of an area, and to come up with solutions, including the publication of a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence on a local basis.
- 6.4 In exercising these functions, responsible authorities are required to have due regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan which comprises or includes that local government area.
- 6.5 There are no apparent legal risks in noting the contents of this report and the progress achieved during the reporting period.

Corporate implications

7. S151 Officer comments

7.1 The S151 Officer confirms that all financial implications have been taken into account and that the recommendations are fully funded from within the current and future years budget.

8. Monitoring Officer comments

8.1 The Monitoring Officer confirms that the relevant legal implications have been taken into account.

9. Procurement comments

9.1 There are no procurement implications arising directly from this report.

10. Equality and Diversity

Equality and diversity remain key considerations within the Community Safety Priorities and Action Plan review. The Crime and Disorder Reduction process actively engages with all communities, irrespective of race, gender, ability, or religious belief. Particular attention is given to vulnerable individuals and those from 'hard-to-reach' communities, who are often disproportionately

- affected by offences such as hate crime, a key priority identified within the Action Plan review.
- 10.1 Partnership Action Days (as mentioned in the review) are invariably targeting Environmental Crime such as fly-tipping, littering and the management of waste carrier licenses. This has a significant positive impact on the borough.
- 11. Other considerations
- 11.1 There are no other considerations currently.
- 12. Timetable for implementation
- 12.1 The action plan, agreed upon in 2024, has been implemented and is subject to annual review to ensure its continued effectiveness.
- 13. Contact
- 13.1 Will Jack Community Safety Manager. w.jack@spelthorne.gov.uk.

Background papers: There are none.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Review of Community Safety Priorities & Action Plan 2024-2026 Appendix B – Police Crime Statistics

version	1
Review Date	November 2025
Next Review Due	April 2026

SPELTHORNE SAFER STRONGER PARTNERSHIP

Community Safety Partnership Plan & Priorities 2024-2026



Spelthorne Borough Community Safety Partnership Plan & Priorities 2024/2026 REVIEW November 2025











Preventing victims by changing lives





This plan has been produced by the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership for 2024/26. The Plan is updated 6 monthly.

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Review - November 2025

This report relates to the first review of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership & Priorities. Updates to the partnership plan will be shown on page 9 to page 28. Please note the new priority – Priority 10 – Clear, Hold, Build. Shown on Page 28.

Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Priorities

This report outlines the Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership Plan and priorities for 2024 – 2025. The report will be reviewed every 6 months. The Community Safety Partnership is referred to locally as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership(SSSP). The report will include details of the members of the SSSP, the objectives and the link between strategic and tactical approaches to reducing crime and disorder within the Borough of Spelthorne.

The SSSP are responsible for setting the crime and disorder priorities for the borough.

The identification of SSSP priorities have been drawn from the findings of annual Crime Strategic Assessment, the Organised Crime Local Profiles and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. These reports are bespoke to Spelthorne Borough and identifies the following headline priorities:

- Serious Violence
- Violence Against Women & Girls
- Domestic Abuse
- Hate Crime
- Town Centre Acquisitive Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Exploitation & Vulnerability
- Water Safety
- Counter Terrorism (Prevent)

This Community Safety Partnership Plan outlines the way the SSSP will work towards these priorities. We are confident that we can build on the established record of partnership working across the Community Safety Partnership to deliver on this agenda. The current crime overview report for Spelthorne can be found in **Appendix B**.

Surrey wide Context

The primary aim of the <u>Surrey Community Safety Agreement (CSA)</u> is to set 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 such as Surrey 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 in order to bring together all district, borough and relevant partners responsible for community safety activity.

The Health and Wellbeing Board performs this function.

The Community Safety vision for Surrey:

- 1. Protect our most vulnerable from exploitation
- 2. Protect our communities from harm
- 3. Empower communities to feel safe

Within those priorities are a number of key areas of focus.

The sections below link those with the strategies that underpin them where developed, the mechanism for delivering those strategies and the existing links from Community Safety Partnerships to those areas of work.

By mapping these out, the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP) can assure itself that it is linked into those pan-Surrey work streams and therefore can concentrate on developing local priorities where it can add value.

Surrey Boards

In a two-tier authority area such as Surrey, where a County Council works alongside District and Borough Councils, there is a requirement for a county level group. In Surrey, this is known as the Health and Wellbeing Board. More information can be found at <u>Surrey County Council Community Safety</u>

Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner

The Police and Crime Commissioner is also responsible for commissioning services that support victims, improve community safety, tackle drug use and crime, and reduce re-offending. Further information on this role can be found at Police & Crime Commissioner's website

The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, section 6, places a statutory responsibility on the 'responsible authorities', to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area with a Community Safety Partnership. The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP) fulfils this role. The aim of the SSSP is to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of Spelthorne. The SSSP consists of representatives from:

- Surrey Police
- Spelthorne Borough Council
- HM Probation Service
- Surrey Fire & Rescue
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Bronzefield Prison
- A2Dominion Housing
- Environment Agency
- Surrey County Council

All parties are signed up to the Surrey Multi-Agency Information Sharing Protocol (MAISP).

The objectives of the SSSP are:

- To provide strategic leadership and co-ordination between agencies for improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the borough (and in doing so, ensure that the specific needs of different communities within the borough are addressed).
- To foster positive working relationships between the public, private, voluntary and community sectors
- . To share information and intelligence about the needs of the borough.
- To oversee and co-ordinate community consultation and engagement

- To discharge the statutory responsibilities of the Borough's Community Safety Partnership and for that purpose:
- To act jointly to seek to reduce crime and disorder in the Borough
- To develop and co-ordinate the activities of the partners in implementing the Spelthorne Community and Safety Partnership Action Plan.
- To assist and enable the responsible authorities to exercise their functions under section 17
 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- To make decisions about priorities, programmes, initiatives and the allocation of resources.

Membership of the Board is based on the ability of representatives to make high level strategic and operational decisions, including committing budgets and resources.

Problem solving

To carry out our work, we use the "OSARA" model, which is a 5-stage process consisting of:

- Objective
- Scanning
- Analysis
- Response
- Assessment

The SSSP have two main problem-solving groups:

- The Joint Action Group (JAG)
- Community Harm & Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM)

Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHARMM)

Community Harm and Risk Management Meetings (CHaRMMs) will discuss and agree action to reduce the negative impact that problem individuals and families have on Surrey's communities through their anti-social behaviour. Using the expertise that exists on this multi-agency group, members will share information on high-risk cases and incidents and put in place appropriate risk management plans to address the behaviour of the perpetrator and reduce the negative impact on victims. The meeting will also assess high-risk victims to ensure that the appropriate safeguarding measures are implemented.

Examples of individuals dealt with at the CHaRMM include:

- Persons displaying a disregard for community or personal well-being (i.e. excessive noise, rowdy, nuisance, drunken or loutish behaviour)
- Perpetrators of acts directed at people (i.e. intimidation/harassment, making threats, verbal abuse, coercion/exploitation)
- Perpetrators of environmental damage/vandalism (i.e. criminal damage, vandalism)
- Victims of 'Cuckooing'.

CHaRMMs are the agreed forum for implementation of tools and powers introduced by the ASB Crime & Policing Act, in particular:

- Civil Injunctions
- Community Protection Notices
- Injunctions
- Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Closure Notices

CHaRMMs are accountable to local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and the overarching, Surrey Community Safety Board, and should contribute to the delivery of local community safety partnerships plans and the overarching strategies of the county Community Safety Board.

Joint Action Group (JAG)

Formerly referred to as the **Tactical & Coordinating Group**, the Joint Action Group addresses crime and disorder issues that have been identified through the analysis of intelligence and statistics provided by all community safety partner agencies.

Utilising the expertise that exists on the group it will identify desirable outcomes and determine the actions and interventions to be used to achieve these outcomes.

The JAG decide priorities, agree action plans, allocate resources and ensure there is a coordinated response to issues highlighted at the JAG and contained within Community Safety Partnership Plans. They play a key role in developing effective partnership responses to crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour reduction.

Examples of some of the issues dealt with by JAGs include:

- Residential burglary
- Town centre disorder
- Youth disorder/nuisance
- Anti-social behaviour and public reassurance
- Fear of crime and vulnerable groups
- County Lines
- Water Safety
- Serious Violence Duty
- Violence against women & girls
- Community Impact assessments
- Domestic related death reviews
- Anti-social behaviour case reviews
- HMO ASB

HMO Working Group

The HMO Working group considers Houses of Multiple Occupancy where there have been

Reports of ASB

Aspects that are affecting the quality of life of the community

The meeting is attended by officers from Environmental Health, Planning and Community Safety to consider applicant suitability or investigate allegations of poor behaviour.

Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOC JAG)

The Partnership also hold a quarterly serious organised crime joint action group chaired by Surrey Police.

SSSP Representation

The SSSP will be represented via the Spelthorne Borough Community Safety Team on the following boards/groups:

- Surrey Community Safety Board
- Surrey Safeguarding Adolescents Strategic Sub- Group
- Surrey Prevent Executive Board
- Spelthorne MARAC
- Surrey Serious Violence Operational Group
- Spelthorne Safeguarding Adults Board
- Surrey Risk management Meeting
- Spelthorne Healthy Community Partnership and Spelthorne Homelessness Prevention Joint forum
- Surrey Combating Drugs Partnership
- Surrey Water safety Partnership
- Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Spelthorne Pub Watch
- Spelthorne Neighbourhood Watch

Priority 1 – Serious Violence

The Serious Violence Duty (SVD) came into force on the 31 January 2023 across England and Wales. The purpose of the SVD is to ensure that relevant agencies work together to share data, intelligence and knowledge to understand and address the root causes of serious violence, and target interventions to prevent and stop violence altogether.

The SVD aims to ensure that agencies focus activity on reducing serious violence, whilst also providing sufficient flexibility so that relevant organisations can work together in the most effective local partnership for any given area. It also strongly encourages local areas adopt a public health approach to reducing violence.

Specified authorities with a statutory responsibility to comply to the Duty

The Duty requires the following specified authorities within a local government area to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence:

- Surrey Police
- Probation Services or Youth Offending Teams
- Surrey Fire and Rescue
- Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Boards
- Spelthorne Borough Council

- Surrey County Council
- Schools and the Education Authority (must collaborate)
- Prison Services (must collaborate as requested)

Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership is also subject to the Duty and the Government have amended the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that Community Safety Partnerships have an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence. As CSPs are subject to both the new Crime and Disorder Act requirements and the Duty, this will enable them to escalate local serious violence issues to a higher strategic level where necessary.

In recognition of the vital role schools and colleges play in safeguarding children and young people, education authorities including local authority maintained schools, academies, independent schools and free schools; including primary schools, alternative education provision and further education providers, must be consulted by the specified authorities in the preparation of the strategy.

Prisons and the Children and Young People Secure Estate play an integral role in protecting the public, both in the rehabilitation of those people in prisons and young children who have committed violent offences and are in custody, and people on probation or children supervised by Youth Offending Teams in the community. As with education authorities, prison and youth custody authorities are required to be consulted by the specified authorities in the preparation of the strategy.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is not a specified authority, but will be responsible for allocating grant funding to authorities under the Duty and are encouraged to have a convening role.

Defining Serious Violence

Surrey OPCC has (in collaboration with partners) designated nine offences that will define Serious Violence in Surrey. These are:

- Violence with injury
- Violence without injury
- Domestic abuse
- Homicide
- Stalking and harassment
- Possession of weapon offences
- Robbery
- Sexual offences including rape
- Public order offences

This does not mean that specified authorities will be compelled to take action on these crime types specifically linked to the Duty alone, but instead that they should consider whether violence of these kinds amounts to serious violence in their area. Specified authorities should also include a focus on public space youth violence including; homicide, violence against the person (which may include both knife crime and gun crime), and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent, such as in county lines drug dealing.

In determining what amounts to serious violence in their local area, the specified authorities must take into account the following factors;

1. The maximum penalty which could be imposed for any offence involved in the violence;

- 2. The impact of the violence on any victim;
- 3. The prevalence of the violence in the area, and
- 4. The impact of the violence on the community in the area

Analytical Support

In order to reduce serious violence within the Spelthorne Borough we will rely on the support of the OPCC in the delivery of strategic assessments. These will provide an analytical overview of where violence is most prevalent within the borough so that appropriate responses can be implemented. Historical analytical support will allow the SSSP to determine preventative measures.

Analytical support will be utilized to develop hotspot data, providing an accurate intelligence picture of where violence is most prevalent within the borough.

Ultimately, the SSSP will use analysis to understand the problem as the reasons for violence are widespread. We will assess:

- Types of violence
- Age/ethnicity/education/employment/deprivation etc.
- Social/health conditions
- Locations/neighbourhoods

Planning and Problem-Solving

All cases related to serious violence will be discussed within the existing monthly Tactical & Coordinating meeting with all statutory partners. The meeting will determine the following:

- Information sharing
- Hotspot areas
- Victim care
- Prolific offenders
- Support services
- Tactical options

The Serious Violence Duty will also be reflected in the SSSP Community Safety Strategy as a key priority.

Tactical options for reduction

We will follow the Surrey Police model for intervention and reduction using their 4 'P' model:

- PURSUE Prosecute & disrupt people engaged in Serious violence.
- PREVENT Prevent people for engaging in Serious violence
- PROTECT Increase Protection Against Serious violence.
- PREPARE Reduce Impact of Criminality Where it Takes Place

Useful links

- <u>Serious Violence Duty Statutory Guidance</u> <u>A whole-system multi-agency approach to serious violence prevention</u>

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly JAG	Maintain Agenda Item	Open
Lead: Community Safety	All IACAG	
Review November 2025	All JAG Meetings completed as per	Open
Review Hotspot data	Ensure appropriate resourcing in	Open
Review Hotspot data	hotspot areas to reduce violence	Open
Lead: Community Safety	notspot areas to reduce violence	
Review November 2025	Operation Chariot continues to	Open
	provide appropriate resourcing to	
	Hotspot areas. Hotspot Data	
	Review now includes Ashford –	
	See new Priority 10.	
Community Impact Assessments	Assess impact of reported violence	Open
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Lead: Surrey Police Review November 2025	All Import assassments complete	Onon
Review November 2025	All Impact assessments complete. Stanwell Hotel EIA complete.	Open
Joint Neighbourhood Survey	Assess and research neighbourhood	Open
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Lead: Surrey Police & Surrey		
County Council		
Review November 2025	Awaits April 2026 Review	Open
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Operational interventions	Provide operational support to tackle serious violence.	Open
Lead: Surrey Police	tackie serious violence.	
Review November 2025	Operation Chariot (Force-wide	Open
	Serious Violence Operation)	
	ongoing and fully funded by OPCC	
Victim support & analysis	Provide support for victims and	Open
	assess any potential linked-series	
Lead: Surrey Police & CCG	All Mag	
Review November 2025	All VSS & support services	Open
	continue to be utilised. Access Via	
	Community Harm & Risk Management Meeting. No victim-	
	based linked series' identified.	
Crime Prevention & Education	Assess crime prevention	Open
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Lead: Community Safety &	communication	
Police		
Review November 2025	Updated educational packages	Open
	delivered by Youth Engagement	
	Officers. Social Media Education re	

	Water Safety, Domestic Abuse,	
	Fraud & Scams Delivered through	
	Comms	
Offender Management	Manage offenders to prevent repeat	Open
	offending. Link with	
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation	CHaRMM/MARAC/MATAC &	
& Community Safety	RMM	
Review November 2025	Offender Management BAU. RMM	Open
	is now RVM (Risk & Vulnerability	
	Meetings).	
	CHaRMM/MARAC/MATAC	
	ongoing	

Priority 2 - Violence Against Women & Girls

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) has been adopted as a key borough priority since 2022 with the intention being to review what is being done across the borough to educate people, prevent and deter these types of crimes, consider what support is available for victims and make recommendations on what more could be done to make women and girls safer in Spelthorne Borough.

Women and girls should be able to live free from fear of violence, but sadly that fear is often grown from a young age. Whether it is experiencing harassment in the street through to other forms of gender-based abuse, being the victim of such behaviour has become 'normalised' as part of daily life.

Everyone has a role to play in addressing unacceptable behaviour in others. Violence Against Women and Girls encompasses a wide range of gender-based crimes including domestic abuse, sexual offences, stalking, harassment, human trafficking and 'Honour' Based Violence. We know these crimes disproportionally affect women and girls, with women four times more likely to experience a sexual assault than men.

We work in partnership with Surrey Police who have implemented the VAWG Strategy - <u>Surrey</u> Police VAWG Strategy

VAWG is a key component of the Serious Violence Duty and is managed via the Joint Action Group.

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly	Maintain Agenda Item	Open
CHaRMM		
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	All CHaRMM meetings completed to date. Additional input at	Open
	CHaRMM from adult Mental	
	Health Services.	
Community Impact Assessments	Assess impact of reported violence	Open
	within the community	

Lead: Surrey Police		
Review November 2025	No new EIA reports for VAWG	Open
Joint Neighbourhood Survey	Assess and research neighbourhood	Open
(quarterly)	data to gauge community	
	perceptions	
Lead: Surrey Police & Surrey		
County Council		
Review November 2025	Awaits April 2026 report from	Open
	SCC/Police	
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Local Survey – Public	Annual Consultation, Youth	Open
Consultation	Survey. Local Schools & women's	
	group surveys	
Lead: Community Safety/Police		
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Operational interventions	Provide operational support to tackle VAWG	Open
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Lead: Surrey Police Review November 2025	Operational augment provided on	Onon
Review November 2023	Operational support provided on	Open
	Partnership Action Days, Pubwatch and via the Business Crime	
	Reduction Unit. Police engaged in	
	surveys and public safety briefings.	
	Arrest and prosecution of	
	offenders.	
Victim support & analysis	Provide support for victims and	Open
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Review November 2025	All VSS & support services	Open
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	Community Harm & Risk	
	Management Meeting. No victim-	
	based linked series' identified.	
Crime Prevention & Education	Assess crime prevention	Open
	opportunities. Ensure education and	_
Lead: Community Safety &	communication	
Police		
Review November 2025	Crime prevention and education	Open
	provided at local schools by police.	
	Partnership Action Days held to	
	educate within community.	
Offender Management	Manage offenders to prevent repeat	Open
	offending. Link with	
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation	CHaRMM/MARAC/MATAC &	
& Community Safety	RMM	
Review November 2025	Ongoing BAU	Open

Priority 3 - Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse strategy has been updated to reflect the principles of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the following pledges have now been implemented:

- The SSSP will ensure that relevant advice will be advertised on Council websites with the contact details for all local and national support agencies.
- Seeking to educate partners and the community regarding key legislative changes e.g. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- The SSSP will comply with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Strategic Plan.
- The SSSP Will ensure that Spelthorne Borough Council is represented on the Surrey Domestic Abuse Executive Group.
- Key messages will be shared on social media to encourage active reporting to provide a more proactive approach.
- Domestic abuse and Hate Crime are managed via the CHaRMM. Key partners are tasked with individual responsibilities to ensure that that Domestic Abuse survivors' needs are managed via this forum.
- The SSSP will ensure that our responsibilities are fully met regarding the management of Domestic Homicide Reviews and the requirement to co-operate with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner as outlined in the new legislation.
- The partnership will adhere to the principles of the Surrey Against Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- The SSSP will support the Surrey Police Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021.

Spelthorne Borough Council will work within the scope of the Surrey Against Domestic Abuse
Strategy 2024-2029 Surrey Domestic Abuse Strategy

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly CHaRMM	Maintain Agenda Item	Open
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Retained agenda item. No cases referred to CHaRMM.	Open

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Review November 2025	Offender Management in place via MARAC/MATAC and Offender Management units	Open
Support Domestic Abuse Awareness Week Lead: Community Safety & SCC	Ensure education and awareness campaigns are appropriately circulated through communication channels.	Open
Review November 2025	Advertised in May 2025. This imparted advice and support information via police and SBC websites. This complies with the Surrey Against Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2029	Open

Priority 4 – Hate Crime

Hate Crime is defined as - "Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a person's disability or perceived disability; race or perceived race; or religion or perceived religion; or sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation or transgender identity or perceived transgender identity." There is no legal definition of hostility so we use the everyday understanding of the word which includes ill-will, spite, contempt, prejudice, unfriendliness, antagonism, resentment and dislike.

Despite recorded hate crimes being relatively low in Spelthorne it is suspected that the real numbers are much higher. To address this Spelthorne SSSP will support the Surrey Police Hate Crime Strategy Hate Crime Policy (surrey.police.uk)

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly JAG	Maintain Agenda Item & Refer	Open
	relevant cases to CHaRMM	
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Hate Crime now managed via	Ongoing
	CHaRMM & JAG	
Community Impact Assessments	Assess impact of reported violence	Open
	within the community.	_
Lead: Surrey Police		
Review November 2025	EIA completed for hate crime by	Open
	Surrey Police for the Stanwell	
	Hotel in respect of migrants.	
Joint Neighbourhood Survey	Assess and research neighbourhood	Open
(quarterly)	data to gauge community	
	perceptions	
Lead: Surrey Police & Surrey		
County Council		

Review November 2025	Awaits April 2026 report	Open
Operational interventions	Provide operational support to tackle hate crime.	Open
Lead: Surrey Police		
Review November 2025	Ongoing as per Surrey Police Hate Crime Strategy	Open
Victim support & analysis Lead: Surrey Police & CCG	Provide support for victims – utilise support agencies e.g. StophateUK	Open
Review November 2025	Ongoing as per Surrey Police Hate Crime Strategy	Open
Crime Prevention & Education	Assess crime prevention opportunities. Ensure education and	Open
Lead: Community Safety & Police	communication. Maintain contact with relevant agencies to assess unreported crime.	
Review November 2025	Community Safety Team now represented on the Surrey Hate Crime Operational & Community Cohesion Group. SBC and Police websites now provide advice and support awareness.	Open
Offender Management	Manage offenders to prevent repeat offending. Link with	Open
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation & Community Safety	CHaRMM/MARAC/MATAC & RMM	
Review November 2025	Offender Management in place via MARAC/MATAC and Offender Management units	Open

Priority 5 – Town Centre & Acquisitive Crime

There is no legal definition of hostility so we use the everyday understanding of the word which includes ill-will, spite, contempt, prejudice, unfriendliness, antagonism, resentment and dislike. Staines Town Centre is the main crime hotspot for the borough as per the 2024 Tactical Assessment. This is due to a number of factors. The town has excellent transport links, amenities, businesses, restaurants and retail outlets. Sadly, as with the whole of the United Kingdon the prevalence of retail crime remains disproportionately high in comparison to other crimes. That, coupled with anti-social behaviour has the potential to increase the fear of crime and also deter business from the area.

There is a well-established business improvement district (BID) in the town who are actively engaged in the JAG, the Pub Watch and the newly formed Business Crime Reduction Partnership. The BID maintains security to the Two-Rivers area and together with the Elmsleigh Centre Security they do have an impact on business crime.

That said, business/retail thefts are on the increase nationally. The Police & Crime Commissioner has tasked the new Chief Constable of Surrey Police to tackle retail crime as a priority.

To support this, Spelthorne Borough Council operate 25 CCTV cameras within the Town Centre alone linked to the Safer Runnymede control room for 24/7 coverage.

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Review November 2025	Ongoing as per Surrey Police Victim Strategy	Open
Crime Prevention & Education Lead: Community Safety & Police	Assess crime prevention opportunities. Ensure education and communication. Promise use of DISC system and Town-link radios to retailers.	Open
Review November 2025	BID continues to recruit new businesses into the district and continues with the management of DISC and Town-link radios.	Open
Offender Management	Manage offenders to prevent repeat offending.	Open
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation & Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Increased arrest statistics for offenders within the Town Centre. Positive arrest policy for shoplifters. Identification of crossborder organised shoplifting gangs.	Ongoing
Ensure adequate CCTV	Maintain and ensure cameras are appropriately placed.	
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Annual Contract signed for Safer Runnymede Service and Monitoring of the CCTV Cameras. At the time of reporting, of the 25 CCTV cameras within the Town Centre. 22 are Operational with 3 having faults that are being managed.	Open

Priority 6 – Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) is by no means trivial. It is a highly damaging and unacceptable set of behaviours that can have detrimental and lifelong effects on people within the community. Spelthorne Borough Council stands against any and every form of anti-social behaviour.

No single organisation can end ASB alone. Although the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership will take a strategic overview of ASB, we will take a place-based approach, calling on all of our partners and our communities to address ASB and its root causes.

The legal definition of ASB is as follows:

- Conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, **harassment**, **alarm** or **distress** to any person,
- Conduct capable of causing **nuisance** or **annoyance** to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises, or
- Conduct capable of causing housing-related **nuisance** or **annoyance** to any person.

ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014 Some examples include:

- Drug misuse and dealing
- Alcohol Related nuisance
- Discriminative behaviour/ hostile acts
- Vandalism and damage to property
- Setting off fireworks late at night
- Misuse of communal / public space
- Litter, Rubbish and Fly-tipping
- Rowdy and noisy behaviour Vehicle Nuisance
- Public Nuisance related to licensed premises
- Garden Nuisance
- Pets and Animal Nuisance

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly JAG	Maintain Agenda Item	Open
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	ASB is now a main agenda Item discussed, geographically at the T&CG (JAG) meeting.	Open
Review Hotspot data	Ensure appropriate resourcing in hotspot areas of ASB	Open
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Appropriate resourcing is in place to manage ASB. The new CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD (CHB) strategy will direct additional resources to hotspot areas. The .CHB is being implemented in the Ashford Town area. This is currently in the planning phase.	Open
Crime Prevention Lead: Surrey Police &	Assess current security practices. Partnership Action days in ASB areas	Open
Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Partnership Action Days have taken place twice during the review period in relation to ASB.	Open
Joint Neighbourhood Survey (quarterly)	Assess and research neighbourhood data to gauge community perceptions	Open

Lead: Surrey Police & Surrey		
County Council		
Review November 2025	Awaits April 2026 Report	Open
Operational interventions	Provide operational support to	Open
	ASB with a positive outcome	
Lead: Surrey Police	policy	
Victim support & analysis	Provide support for victims and	Open
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Lead: Surrey Police & CCG	(persistent targeting)	0
Review November 2025	Victim Support as per Surrey Police Victim Strategy. Linked	Open
	Series' have been identified in	
	relation to geographic hotspots.	
	These being Sunbury Cross, Staines	
	Town Centre and the newly	
	established Ashford Town.	
Crime Prevention & Education	Assess crime prevention	Open
	opportunities. Ensure education and	1
Lead: Community Safety &	communication. Support of ASB	
Police	awareness week	
Review November 2025	ASB awareness week delivered by	Open
	Surrey Police. Education and	
	support re ASB delivered by Youth	
	Engagement Officers at Schools	
	and via Community Safety Junior	
	Citizen (April 2026).	
	Further education re ASB to be	
	delivered at Ashford Youth Club as	
	part of CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD.	
Offender Management	Manage offenders to prevent repeat	Open
	offending utilising judicial and non-	
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation	judicial remedies	
& Community Safety		
Review November 2025	ASB managed by police within	Open
	hotspot areas. Repeat offenders	
	managed. Local residential ASB	
	also managed by Community	
	Safety Team. 7 Community Protection Notices have been issued	
	within the review period with one	
	prosecution at court.	
Ensure adequate CCTV	Maintain and ensure cameras are	Open
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Lead: Community Safety	TI -F	
Review CCTV	Both contracted CCTV and owned	Open
	SBC CCTV is placed in appropriate	
	areas in relation to ASB. In total	
	there are 56 CCTV cameras placed	
	at strategic locations across the	
	borough. 50 of these cameras are	
	monitored 24/7. CCTV annual	

	Report for 2024-2025 has been completed.	
Diversion	Arrange for youth diversionary	Open
	activities in hotspot areas. Delivery	
Lead: Community Safety,	of Junior Citizen & ASB Working	
Police, Leisure Services, Surrey	Group recommendations. SF&R	
Fire & Rescue	YES Scheme	
Review November 2025	No referral to YES scheme during	Open
	this review period. Brentford	
	Football Club providing free	
	football to young people at the	
	Eclipse Leisure Centre on	
	Wednesday Evenings for Youth	
	Diversion with football mentors.	
	Funding continues until November	
	2025. An additional funding bid has	
	been sent to the OPCC to secure	
	funding for December onwards.	
	Junior Citizen booked at Kempton	
	Park for April 2026.	

Priority 7 – Exploitation & Vulnerability

Exploitation covers a wide range of illegal activities and can often be referred to as 'hidden crimes'. These can be directed at both adults and children. In some cases offenders target the vulnerable to take advantage of them for their criminal gains. Some examples of exploitation are:

- Sexual exploitation
- Modern Slavery
- Human trafficking
- Financial exploitation
- County lines
- Forces marriage
- Fraud & Scams

The list is not exhaustive. Exploitation destroys individuals and communities leading to isolation and a widespread fear of crime.

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly	Maintain Agenda Item – Ensure liaison with	Open
CHaRMM	SPA & CSPAR & Borough Safeguarding leads	
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Agenda Item maintained. Several referrals	Open
	during the review period. System is now	
	working well and will continue.	
Crime Analysis & Intelligence	Determine any patterns and develop community	Open
_	intelligence	
Lead: Community Safety		

Review November 2025	New Community Intelligence system has been launched by the police and they report that this is now working well. Community Safety/JET and Environmental Health are the highest contributors.	Open
Crime Prevention	Awareness campaigns to educate the community. Advertise common signs.	Open
Lead: Surrey Police & Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Awareness campaigns sent out by Surrey Police in support of this.	Open
Joint Neighbourhood Survey (quarterly)	Assess and research neighbourhood data to gauge community perceptions	Open
Lead: Surrey Police & Surrey County Council		
Review November 2025	Awaits April 2026 Report	Open
Victim support & analysis	Provide support for victims and assess any potential linked-series (persistent targeting)	Open
Lead : Surrey Police & CCG Review November 2025	Victim Support as per Surrey Police Victim Strategy https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/victim-support/victim-witness-support/	Open
Crime Prevention & Education Lead: Community Safety & Police	Assess crime prevention opportunities. Ensure education and communication. Support of County Lines Awareness week	Open
Review November 2025	Youth Engagement Officers engaging proactively with young people. County Lines Awareness Week supported by the police and Community Safety Team.	Open
Information Sharing Lead: Community	To ensure liaison with SCC Exploitation leads through the county Risk management Meeting.	Open
Safety/Police/CCG	Liaison via Adult Social care and mental health services to assess victims	
Review November 2025	Now called the RVM. Liaison continues. Adult Social Care and Mental Health Services – Regular liaison through the monthly CHaRMM.	Open
Offender Management	Manage offenders and work in the SOC briefing to identify and develop intelligence on	Open
Lead: Surrey Police, Probation & Community Safety	offenders.	
Review November 2025	As per Surry Police Offender Management Policy.	Open
Ensure adequate CCTV	Maintain and ensure cameras are appropriately placed.	Open
Lead : Community Safety Review November 2025	See Above	Open
Diversion	Arrange for youth diversionary activities in	Open Open
21,0101011	hotspot areas. Delivery of Junior Citizen & ASB	Орен

Lead: Community Safety, Police, Leisure Services, Surrey Fire & Rescue	Working Group recommendations. SF&R YES Scheme	
	Deter people from taking part in criminal activities	
Review November 2025	See Above	Open

Priority 8 – Water Safety

Exploitation covers a wide range of illegal activities and can often be referred to as 'hidden crimes'. These can be directed at both adults and children. In some cases offenders target the vulnerable to take advantage of them for their criminal gains. Some examples of exploitation are:

Spelthorne Borough has some 12 miles of river frontage. The need for water safety measures is clear with accidents occurring every year with high volumes of people using the river both commercially and recreationally.

To combat this, Spelthorne Borough Council, in partnership with Surrey Fire & Rescue have erected 15 locked throwlines and 20 throw-rings (lifebuoys) at strategic points throughout the borough. Together with educational messages completed in partnership with the RNLI and the RLSS both on social media and in schools, this forms the water safety strategy for Spelthorne.

The Community Safety Team area responsible for the maintenance of the equipment and ensuring that training is provided. In 2023, Spelthorne Borough Council created new water safety signs to discourage wild swimming by amateurs. The signs have been placed at strategic points where we know these activities are taking place.

Key points for delivery:

Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the monthly JAG	Maintain Agenda	Open
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Main Agenda Iten at T&CG	Open
	Meeting with Police & Surrey Fire	
	& Rescue	
Analysis & Intelligence	Determine any patterns and develop community intelligence.	Open
Lead: Community Safety		
	Monitor WADE database and liaise	
	with Surrey Police re incidents &	
	near misses	
Review November 2025	Three Recorded deaths during the	Open
	review period with no near misses.	
	Liaison ongoing.	
Safety Awareness	Awareness campaigns to educate	Open
	the community. Advertise common	
Lead: Surrey Police &	signs.	
Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Regular Water Safety Advice via	Open
	Comms	

Education	Water safety roadshows to take	Open
Education	•	Open
	place twice annually	
Lead: Community Safety		
	Delivery of Junior Citizen	
Review November 2025	Summer Water Safety event in	Open
	Lammas Park with Surrey Fire &	
	Rescue, Surrey Police, Community	
	Safety Team and the RNLI	
	volunteers.	
Equipment maintenance	Monthly checks to be carried out on	Open
	all water safety equipment and	
Lead: Community Safety	signage.	
Review November 2025	Monthly equipment checks of all	Ongoing
	throw rings and throw lines	
	complete.	
Environmental Visual Audits	Joint River patrols to determine	Open
	areas of risk	_
Lead: Community Safety,		
Environment Agency & JET		
Review November 2025	Regular weekly assessments	Open
	undertaken.	

Priority 9 – Counter Terrorism (Prevent)

Prevent is about keeping people and communities safe from the threat of terrorism. It is one part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The other strands are Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

Prevent is about safeguarding people from being drawn into extremism or radicalisation. The Home Office works with local authorities and a wide range of government departments and community organisations to stop people from supporting or engaging in extremism or terrorism.

The objectives of Prevent are to:

- tackle the ideological causes of terrorism
- intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
- enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

Prevent is concerned with all forms of extremism that could lead to terrorism, including far-right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

Further information about Prevent can be found in these Home Office factsheets:

Home Office Prevent Factsheet

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Objective	Measure	Status
Administer the quarterly SSSP	Maintain Agenda	Open
Meeting		
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Complete – Main agenda item	Complete
Analysis & Intelligence	Attend monthly Prevent Executive	Open
	Group Meeting (PEG)	
Lead: Community Safety		
Review November 2025	Complete – Attended all meetings	Ongoing
Channel Cases	Liaise with Spelthorne Borough	Open
	Council re Channel cases.	
Lead: Surrey County Council		
Review November 2025	Complete	Ongoing
Education	Training for frontline staff in	Open
	recognising, referring and	
Lead: Community Safety	responding to radicalisation	
Review November 2025	Training package being developed.	Open
	At present cannot be added to	
	WorkRite.	
Communication	Provide social media updates on	Open
	Prevent activities	
Lead: Community Safety &		
Borough Comms		<u> </u>
Review November 2025	None Issued at present	Open
School Liaison	Liaise with schools regarding	Open
	potential radicalisation	
Lead: Surrey County Council		
Review November 2025	Ongoing via RVM	Open

Priority 10 - CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD - Ashford Town

Clear, Hold, Build (CHB) is a multi-agency framework developed by the Home Office to tackle serious and organised crime by reclaiming and rebuilding neighbourhoods affected by criminal activity. It involves a three-phase approach: Clear, which targets and disrupts gang members and their activities; Hold, which stabilizes the area to prevent other criminals from taking control; and Build, which works with the community to address the root causes of crime and make the area more resilient.

It has been decided that for the area of Ashford Town, while not necessarily high in terms of crime statistics presents an unusual amount of crime in relation to the population. This means that in crimes per person they are deemed to be higher than usual. There are opportunities for improvement in this area and with a dedicated plan this can have a significant impact on the crime and associated fear of crime.

Key points for delivery:

Objective	Measure	Status
Deliver CHB training to partners	Ensure partners understand the CHB process and are committed to	Open
Lead: Surrey Police	the program	
Review November 2025	Complete – Training delivered September 2025.	Complete
Analysis & Intelligence	Provide Crime Pattern and hotspot analysis on the Ashford Town	Open
Lead: Surrey Police	Geographic area to support operation. Serious & Organised Crime local profile to be created.	
Review November 2025	Analytical set one complete. New Crime Pattern Analysis being researched now.	Ongoing
Name for project Lead: All Partners	Create a name for the project	Awaits
Identify Lead Responsible Officers	Identify Project Leads	Open
Lead: Surrey Police		
Review November 2025	Identified as Inspector Matthew Walton (Borough Commander) and Will Jack (Community Safety Manager)	Complete
Communication	Provide social media updates on Clear Hold Build	Open
Lead: Police, Community Safety & Borough Comms		
Identify Strategic Governance Groups	Provide assurance that identified OCGs and criminals are subject to an appropriate level of operational	Open
Lead: Police Analysts	response. Provide social media updates on Clear Hold Build	Open
Lead: Police, Community Safety & Borough Comms		
Identify Partners	Identify Key Individual Network for operational inclusion.	Open
Lead: Community Safety		

Following reports from the police and local councillors, the Community Safety Team embarked on

The introduction of a PSPO to create local legislation to tackle the following problems:

- Anti-social use of E-Scooters, E-bikes etc.
- Use of catapults/slingshots to cause damage or kill wildlife.
- Wearing of face coverings with intent to cause intimidation.

The consultation received 677 responses, with overwhelming public support:

- 98% backed the proposals on bikes and similar devices
- 99% supported restrictions on face coverings
- 98% agreed with controls on catapults and slingshots

The PSPO is now in force throughout the borough.

Prevent

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The Prevent Lead sits of the Prevent Executive Board and will liaise with the County Prevent Lead for local matters and CHANNEL Cases. Channel cases are assessed by a multi-agency panel (including police, local authorities, and social services) that determines the appropriate tailored support, which can involve mentoring, education, or other forms of guidance to help individuals disengage from extremism.

Partnership Action Days (PAD)

Partnership action days are days of action where all partners work together at a tactical level to address local issues linked to the SSSP Priorities. These are held every other month. Examples of these have included:

- Retail Crime day of action Staines Town Centre
- Domestic Abuse education Staines Town Centre
- Anti-social behaviour awareness Ashford
- Water Safety equipment training & awareness Lammas Park
- Scams Awareness Spelthorne Day Centres

The days are an excellent way to demonstrate the partners visibly working together on local issues. Members of the public are encouraged to take part.

Domestic-Related Death Reviews

Formerly referred to as Domestic Homicide, the title has been changed to include any fatality that has a link to domestic abuse. The Home Office requires the local Community Safety Partnership (In this case revered to as the SSSP) to commission an investigation into the fatality to assess whether there are any lessons to be learned in such cases.

These are managed by the SSSP in partnership with the DARDR Coordinator at Surrey County Council. To date this year there have been two such cases on Spelthorne Borough.

Anti-Social Behaviour Case Reviews

The ASB case review can be used if you (or others with your consent) have complained on three or more occasions about separate incidents of anti-social behaviour in the past six months. This has been designed to give the victim the right to request that agencies deal with persistent anti-social behaviour.

These are managed within the Joint Action Group with results being fed into the SSSP. To date in 2024 there has been one case.

Our Statutory Responsibilities

Each key priority that is identified within this plan contains several actions. These are designed to ensure that priority objectives are achieved.

Targets have been set as an essential part of bringing about that achievement; this will form the JAG (T&CG) process. Monitoring performance will be set against the key points for delivery indicators. These indicators will be set against each key priority.

The Plan will be placed on the council web site and updated on a six-monthly basis so that the public can track progress.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour data and associated performance information will be collected by the Operational Management Group (Surrey Police) and presented to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board at the quarterly meetings, so that delivery can be monitored and any lack of progress challenged.

This information will also be available to other bodies, including those with community representation, as appropriate. Annual reports will also be available for wider community consultative processes and transparency.

Other national, county and local plans, strategies and policies complement or impact in some way upon this Community Safety Strategy; the more significant of these are as follows:

•The Modern Crime Prevention Strategy 2016 (Gov)

- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Surrey Drug & Alcohol Strategy 2023
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- •Spelthorne Borough Council Corporate Plan 2024 2028
- •Surrey OPCC Policing Plan 2024-2025
- National Prevent Strategy 2019
- •Surrey Against Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2029
- Serious Violence Duty 2023

Spelthorne Borough Crime Statistics

(Source D10 Analytical Product – Surrey Police September 2025)

Rolling year	Crime recorded			
High harm	2025	2024	# Change	%age Change
East	4,673	4,503	170	3.8%
Epsom & Ewell	933	879	54	6.1%
Mole Valley	889	842	47	5.6%
Reigate & Banstead	1,894	1,898	- 4	-0.2%
Tandridge	957	884	73	8.3%
North	4,057	4,161	- 104	-2.5%
Elmbridge	1,348	1,312	36	2.7%
Runnymede	1,166	1,236	- 70	-5.7%
Spelthorne	1,543	1,613	- 70	-4.3%
West	5,201	5,206	- 5	-0.1%
Guildford	1,956	1,998	- 42	-2.1%
Surrey Heath	991	971	20	2.1%
Waverley	958	1,005	- 47	-4.7%
Woking	1,296	1,232	64	5.2%
Force	13,931	13,870	61	0.4%

Compared to other boroughs throughout Surrey, there has been a reduction in High Harm In Spelthorne.

Rolling year	Crime recorded			
Spelthorne	2025	2024	# Change	%age Change
High harm	1,543	1,613	-70	-4.3%
Serious acquisitive	604	809	-205	-25.3%
Total notifiable offences	8,408	8,811	-403	-4.6%

This show that in the key reporting areas in the rolling year September – September there has been a small reduction in High Harm and Total Notifiable Offences and a significant decrease in Acquisitive Crime (mainly reductions in shoplifting).

Spelthorne	2025	2024	#	%age
			Change	Change
Murder	1	5	-4	-80%
Assault without injury on a constable	99	80	19	23.8%
Violence without injury	3295	3292	3	0.1%
Violence with Injury	633	798	-165	-20.7%
Serious Sexual Assault	234	211	23	10.9%
Hate Crime assault without injury	29	26	3	11.5%
Modern Slavery	8	11	-3	-27%
Possession of firearms offences	5	5	0	0.00%
Possession of other weapons	52	45	7	15.6%
Possession of points and blades	43	24	19	79.2
Criminal Damage	804	841	-27	-3.2%
Burglary - Residential	275	397	-122	-30.7%
Burglary non-residential	55	79	-24	-30.4%
Drug Offences **	416	318	98	30.8
Robbery	78	76	2	2.6%
Vehicle Crime	485	677	-192	-28.4

^{** -} All drug offences are found by police and therefore higher recorded numbers are linked to detected offences



Spelthorne Borough Council Services Committees Forward Plan

This Forward Plan sets out the decisions which the Service Committees expect to take over the forthcoming months, and identifies those which are **Key Decisions**.

A **Key Decision** is a decision to be taken by the Service Committee, which is either likely to result in significant expenditure or savings or to have significant effects on those living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.

Please direct any enquiries about this Plan to CommitteeServices@spelthorne.gov.uk.



Spelthorne Borough Council

Service Committees Forward Plan and Key Decisions for 1 December 2025 to 31 March 2026

Anticipated earliest (onext) date of decision and decision maker		Key or non-Key Decision	Decision to be taken in Public or Private	Lead Officer
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 18 11 2025	Q and A with Borough Commander	Non-Key Decision	Public	Jackie Taylor, Group Head - Neighbourhood Services
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 18 11 2025	Review of Community Safety	Non-Key Decision	Public	Will Jack, Community Safety Manager
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 13 01 2026	Draft Affordable Housing Policies	Key Decision	Public	Stephen Mortimer-Cleevely, Strategic Lead, Independent Living
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 13 01 2026	Service Plans	Non-Key Decision	Public	Karen Sinclair, Group Head - Community Wellbeing
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 13 01 2026	Budget Report	Non-Key Decision	Public	Ola Owolabi, Interim Chief Accountant
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committe 13 01 2026	Fees and Charges	Non-Key Decision	Public	Ola Owolabi, Interim Chief Accountant

Date of decision and decision maker	Matter for consideration	Key or non-Key Decision	Decision to be taken in Public or Private	Lead Officer
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee 13 01 2026 Council 26 02 2026	Annual Grant Awards 2026/27	Non-Key Decision	Part public/part private	Lisa Stonehouse, Community Development Manager
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee 13 01 2026	Street Trading Fees	Key Decision	Public	Lucy Catlyn, Principal Licensing Officer, Tracey Willmott-French, Senior Environmental Health Manager
Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee 13 01 2026	Street Trading Policy	Key Decision	Public	Lucy Catlyn, Principal Licensing Officer, Tracey Willmott-French, Senior Environmental Health Manager