

Neighbourhood Services and Enforcement Committee



Date of meeting 06 October 2022

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| Title | Review of Community Safety 2022 |
| Purpose of the report | To note |
| Report Author | Paul Smith & Will Jack Community Safety Officers - Neighbourhood Services |
| Ward(s) Affected | All Wards |
| Exempt | No |
| Exemption Reason | N/A |
| Corporate Priority | Environment |
| Recommendations | Committee is asked to: Note the 2022 review of Community Safety |
| Reason for Recommendation | This report seeks to provide an update on the activities and plans of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership |

1. Summary of the report

- 1.1 This report seeks to outline and present the 2022 review of the Community Safety Strategy as required by statute. This report will highlight the current partnership status together with the priorities determined by the partnership. This report will present the current crime statistical data and trends.
- 1.2 This report seeks to review existing provision, priorities and procedure incorporating the recommendations within the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that we are employing the most appropriate response.
- 1.3 This report outlines the following changes in the 2022 Community Safety Strategy Review:
 - Hate Crime and Domestic Abuse will be dealt with as individual priorities (Section 2.6)
 - Police & Crime Plan 2021-2025 (Section 2.7)
 - Police Resourcing (Section 2.12)
 - Police Public Confidence Survey (Section 2.15)
 - Crime Summary (Section 2.16)
 - Violence against Women and Girls (Section 3.3)
 - Water Safety (Section 3.10)

2. Key issues

- 2.1 Community Safety involves various partner organisations working together with local communities to tackle persistent crime and disorder issues that are adversely affecting the quality of life of local people within the borough. From feeling secure in their home to feeling confident while out in the local neighbourhood, Community Safety is one of the most important issues for residents living in Spelthorne.
- 2.2 It remains a statutory requirement under S.17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for local authorities to work in partnership to reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). This is achieved through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP). Responsible partners namely the Local Authority, Fire & Rescue Service, Clinical Commissioning Group, Probation, Surrey County Council, and the Police, work collaboratively in partnership. The SSSP meets on a quarterly basis.
- 2.3 By working together, these organisations have a greater impact on preventing crime & disorder and develop more effective and sustainable solutions to better protect, support, and empower residents to feel safe and secure.
- 2.4 The Government has introduced several national changes that have significantly impacted on the Community Safety landscape. Some of these changes include the introduction of national strategies and policies linked with Domestic Abuse, ASB, Counter Terrorism and crime prevention, all of which have altered the focus of the work delivered by the Community Safety partners.
- 2.5 Policing & community safety continues to change, crime and demands on services/resources are different. Online and cyber-crimes are still increasing as are the more complex and harmful crimes such as cuckooing, sexual exploitation, modern slavery, county lines and human trafficking, while incidents linked with vulnerability (e.g., mental health problems) are increasing and more victims are confidently reporting issues linked with domestic and sexual abuse.
- 2.6 In setting the current priorities, the SSSP used police data and the local crime profile. There was also stakeholder engagement to decide on the following priorities for the 3-year period covering 2020/2023 which are to: -

Reduce

- Crime - with reference to Violent Crime; Residential Burglary; Harm Caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol; Vehicle Crime & Acquisitive Crime.
- The threat of serious organised crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Hate Crime
- Violence against women and girls
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Re-Offending

- The Threat of Terrorism
- The threat of criminal exploitation and cyber related crime

Improve

- Engagement with our public to help make our communities stronger
- Water Safety

- 2.7 The current Police and Crime plan produced jointly with Surrey Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) covers the period 2021-2025. This sets priorities as follows:
- Priority 1: Reducing violence against women and girls.
 - Priority 2: Protecting people from harm in Surrey.
 - Priority 3: Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe.
 - Priority 4: Strengthening relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents.
 - Priority 5: Ensuring safer Surrey roads.
- 2.9 The Community Safety partnership known locally as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP) has the responsibility to convene a strategy group of all responsible authorities. The group prepare an assessment of local crime and community safety priorities using information provided by partner agencies and the community and produce an action plan to meet those priorities. The Community Safety Team at Spelthorne takes responsibility for co-ordinating activities and events and driving performance
- 2.10 It is important to recognise that the SSSP has several statutory obligations, and although not listed as current strategic priorities, there continues to be a lot of work undertaken to ensure we comply with relevant legislation. For example, as a partnership we have a responsibility to report activity linked with preventing violent extremism, commission reviews into domestic-related homicides and deliver actions to help minimise serious and organised crime within the borough. Partnership activity takes place around these themes, as part of our core day-to-day business and will continue to be delivered during 2022/23.
- 2.11 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 defines ASB as:
- Conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person (i.e., objectively causes fear for one's own safety), or
 - Conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupational residential premises, or
 - Conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person
- 2.12 The Spelthorne Neighbourhood policing team consists of 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 9 Police Constables, 2 Youth Engagement Officers, and 1 Designing out crime Officer. There are also 6 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) on the Spelthorne policing team. They are supported by a large team of Omni-competent response officers. These police teams work

closely with the Councils 5 Joint Enforcement Team officers (JET) and 2 Community Safety Officers.

2.13 Regular formal multi agency meetings take place to share information and problem solve. These are the Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM) and the Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (T&CG). The former looks at prominent offenders or vulnerable victims, the latter at geographical problems. These are embedded into the partnership activities.

2.14 Surrey County Council and Surrey Police carry out a resident survey each year as part of the Joint Neighbourhood Survey (JNS).

2.15 Public confidence in policing 2022

Q. How confident are you in your Neighbourhood police

(% very/confident)

| | Year end 20/21 | Q3 21/22 | Q4 21/22 | Year end 21/22 | Q1 22/23 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Elmbridge | 88.6% | 79.3% | 90.8% | 86.5% | 88.4% |
| Runnymede | 89.0% | 89.3% | 89.7% | 88.4% | 84.9% |
| Spelthorne | 86.4% | 83.5% | 85.8% | 82.9% | 77.4% |

2.16 Current position (Summary)

Statistics for reported crime in Spelthorne in 2021 - 2022

| Crime Type | This Year | Last Year | Change | Percentage |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Total Notifiable Offences | 7518 | 7062 | 456 | 6.6% Increase |
| Violence with Injury | 715 | 636 | 79 | 12.4% Increase |
| Serious Sexual Offences | 165 | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime | 1024 | 1067 | -43 | 4% Decrease |
| Robbery | 57 | 47 | 10 | 21.3% Increase |

2.17 The figures show that there has been a reduction in acquisitive crime, mainly theft and burglary.

2.18 The figures also show quite significant increases in violence & robbery. This reflects the issues related to the increasing problem of County drugs lines and cuckooing which are ongoing. (See appendix A)

2.19 **Appendix A** – Highlights the police recorded crime data from April 2021 to March 2022. This report covers all Total Notifiable Offences (TNO) within the dates shown. There is a breakdown by section for individual offences.

3. Options analysis and proposal

3.1 Prioritisation of crime types is part of this strategy. Proposals for reduction of crime utilising intelligence-led analysis is conducted monthly. These proposals are discussed at ratified at T&CG level whereupon tactical plans are implemented.

- 3.2 Domestic Abuse – Managed via the CHaRMM process to assess individual cases. Proactive use of support services, education and housing.
- 3.3 Violence against women and girls – Managed at T&CG level as a standing agenda item to identify vulnerable people and geographical areas. Audit and assess environmental opportunities. Robust management of offenders to prevent offending.
- 3.4 Hate Crime – Managed via the CHaRMM process to support victims, bring offenders to justice and promote support services.
- 3.5 ASB – Managed via the T&CG process to improve environmental features, target offenders, hotspot mapping, youth diversion and school/family liaison.

The Nitrous Oxide PSPO continues to be enforced and has had a positive impact on Nitrous Oxide abuse within the borough. A public consultation is being released to assess the feasibility of a PSPO for ASB and street drinking.
- 3.6 Notifiable offences – Managed via the Surrey Police Crime ‘Police & Crime Plan’ and reporting to the T&CG regarding progress, opportunities and intelligence development to prevent crime, protect victims and bring offenders to justice.
- 3.7 Serious & Organised Crime – Managed by Surrey Police with the support of the T&CG where all partners are briefed on the impact of Serious and Organised Crime. This briefing encourages multi-agency working to develop intelligence on our more serious offenders.
- 3.8 Re-Offending – Managed via the T&CG and CHaRMM process. Working with Probation to ensure that offenders are monitored, rehabilitated and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.9 Terrorism – Working with ‘Prevent’ via Applied Resilience to identify ‘Channel cases. Liaison with the police and local schools to identify opportunities for intervention in cases of radicalisation. Ensuring the borough CCTV is operational and appropriately situated.
- 3.10 Water Safety – To continue to work in partnership with Surrey Fire & Rescue, The Environment Agency and the RNLI. To ensure that water safety advice is disseminated via social media, the Junior Citizen Program and continue with the implementation of ‘Riverwatch’ to provide regular intelligence on all matters relating to the river. To maintain the borough throwlines and throw-rings.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The SSSP is able to apply for a grant from the PCC which can be used to fund small community projects within the borough. The annual Community Safety fund of £10,000 is drawn exclusively from Spelthorne Borough Council’s contribution.
- 4.2 There are no additional financial implications as the Community Safety team and JET officers are fully funded by Spelthorne Borough Council.
- 4.3 Funding for additional cameras at the Sunbury Cross Skate Park and Springs Close was achieved within existing Community Safety budgets.

5. Risk considerations

- 5.1 Corporate risk assessments are in place to manage general risk. Tactical risk assessments are utilised to manage specific tasks and activities such as Junior Citizen.

6. Other considerations

- 6.1 The main consideration for the Community Safety Strategy is the maintain of the partnership to ensure that this effectively functions as per the requirements of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

7. Equality and Diversity

- 7.1 The Council aims to discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations across all protected characteristics in all its activities including service delivery.
- 7.2 The very nature of the role of the community safety officers is to work with partners to reduce and/or eliminate all forms of crime including hate crime & ASB.
- 7.3 The Council which includes the work of the SSSP, and its partners recognises the diversity of the people and the communities of the borough and is committed to:
- Working with our partners and the boroughs many communities to understand and meet the needs of individuals and communities, and improve their opportunities, wellbeing, and ability to live together productively.
 - Tackling areas of potential discrimination to ensure that services are offered equitably and appropriately.
 - Ensuring that all services provided by or on behalf of the Council are appropriate, inclusive, accessible, and fair.
 - Involving the wider community, service users and partner organisations in consultation to ensure that views are taken account of.
 - Building closer links with all communities across the district and using our influence within the local community to give a lead to partners and other local agencies to promote equalities.

8. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

- 8.1 The work of the JET officers in investigating & reducing waste crime will work with and towards the positive effects in delivering the actions associated with the Council's Climate Change Emergency.
- 8.2 Climate Change affects us all and any work we at Spelthorne are engaged in that involves the reduction and correct treatment of wastes will have a small but positive effect on the environment

9. Timetable for implementation

- 9.1 The Community Safety Strategy is to be implemented immediately following review.

10. Contact

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Background papers:

<https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/sssp/> *Community_Safety_Strategy_2020.pdf*

Appendices

Appendix A - Police statistical data

Appendix B – Action plan & partner update

Appendix A

Police Statistical Data – Sources – Surrey Police/IQuanta

| FYTD | CRIME | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----|--------|
| Spelthorne | Last Year | This Year | # | %age |
| TNO | 7062 | 7518 | 456 | 6.5% |
| Serious Acquisitive | 1067 | 1024 | -43 | -4.0% |
| Violence with injury | 636 | 715 | 79 | 12.4% |
| Serious sexual | 165 | 165 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Criminal damage | 903 | 862 | -41 | -4.5% |
| Domestic burglary | 332 | 289 | -43 | -13.0% |
| Drug offences | 386 | 288 | -98 | -25.4% |
| Fraud and forgery | 13 | 9 | -4 | -30.8% |
| Non-domestic burglary | 78 | 71 | -7 | -9.0% |
| Other criminal offences | 255 | 235 | -20 | -7.8% |
| Violence without injury | 2603 | 2946 | 343 | 13.2% |
| Robbery | 47 | 57 | 10 | 21.3% |
| Other sexual offences | 50 | 55 | 5 | 10.0% |
| Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods | 801 | 1053 | 252 | 31.5% |
| Vehicle interference and tampering | 105 | 95 | -10 | -9.5% |
| Vehicle crime (excluding interference) | 688 | 678 | -10 | -1.5% |

Spelthorne based on Year to Date from D10 March 2022

Figures at year end March 2022. Comparison to last year only 2021.

Total notifiable offences up by 6.5%, more reported crime to police, adversely solved outcomes on total notifiable crime down by 25.9%.

Detection rate overall sitting at 2.7%

Priority Crime Areas

Residential Burglary- Residential Burglary down 13% on last year and 100% increase on detections which is in fact small amounts of only 7 burglaries. (see above)

Domestic Abuse

Total Crimes DV

< <

March 2022

| FYtD | CRIME | | | | Solved Outcomes (inc Resolutions) | | | | Solved Outcome Rate | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|--------|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| | Last Year | This Year | # | %age | Last Year | This Year | # | %age | Last Year | This Year | %age |
| Borough | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spelthorne | 1047 | 1010 | -37 | -3.5% | 171 | 108 | -63 | -36.8% | 16.3% | 10.7% | -5.6% |

Total domestic abuse crime is down overall 3.5%, with solved outcomes also down on last year -36.8%. The Solved outcome rate is also down -5.6% on last year.

Hate Crime

| FYTD | CRIME | | | | Solved Outcomes (inc Resolutions) | | | | Solved Outcome Rate | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| | Last Year | This Year | # | %age | Last Year | This Year | # | %age | Last Year | This Year | %age |
| Spelthorne | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disability crimes | 20 | 34 | 14 | 70.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Faith motivated | 12 | 7 | -5 | -41.7% | 1 | 0 | -1 | -100.0% | 8.3% | 0.0% | -8.3% |
| Homophobic crimes | 44 | 29 | -15 | -34.1% | 5 | 4 | -1 | -20.0% | 11.4% | 13.8% | 2.4% |
| Racially motivated | 214 | 227 | 13 | 6.1% | 28 | 18 | -10 | -35.7% | 13.1% | 7.9% | -5.2% |
| Total Hate crimes | 275 | 284 | 9 | 3.3% | 33 | 21 | -12 | -36.4% | 12.0% | 7.4% | -4.6% |

Total hate crime for 2022 showed an increase of 3.3% on 2021. This is a difference of just 9 offences. The highest rise in type of hate crime was that of disability where there was a 70% increase. Adversely there was a -41.7% decrease in Faith motivated crime and -34.1% decrease in homophobic crime. There was just a small increase in racially motivated crimes 6.1% which is 13 crimes. The detection rates vary also per hate crime type with very small numbers but decreases in all areas except disability crime.

ASB taken from results ASB 2022

Change in recorded incidents year-to-date between 2022-2023 and 2021-2022

| Category Code | Category Description | TOTAL | Ashford | Sunbury | Shepperton & Halliford | Shepperton & Laleham | Staines Town | Staines Urban | Stanwell |
|---------------|---|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| ASB01 | ABND VEH NOT STOLEN OR CAUSING OBSTRUCTN | -4 | 1 | | | | | -1 | 1 |
| ASB02 | ANIMAL PROBLEMS | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| ASB05 | FIREWORKS - INAPP SALE /USE /POSSESSION | -1 | | | | | | | |
| ASB06 | MALICIOUS / NUISANCE COMMUNICATIONS | 8 | | | | | | | |
| ASB07 | NOISE | -10 | | | | 1 | | | |
| ASB09 | LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA | 3 | | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| ASB10 | NUISANCE NEIGHBOURS | -14 | -3 | -4 | | 2 | 1 | -4 | -5 |
| ASBXX | ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR - TOTAL | -79 | -1 | -39 | -4 | -1 | -14 | -11 | -9 |
| ASB11 | ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR NUISANCE | | | | | | | | |
| ASB16 | ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR PERSONAL | | | | | | | | |
| ASB12 | STREET DRINKING | 1 | | | | | | | |
| ASB14 | TRESPASS | 2 | | | | | | | |
| ASB15 | VEHICLE NUISANCE / INAPPROPRIATE USE | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | -4 | -1 | 0 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | -88 | -4 | -40 | -4 | 0 | -11 | -15 | -14 |
| | Rank | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 |

This is the latest ASB figures which show the comparison in ASB between 2021-22 and 2022-23. The changes are most noticeable for Sunbury which includes the Cross, and which is part of the work operation Parkstone that we have completed. The only two areas currently showing red for increase are Ashford where there is a change but minimal numbers and Sunbury.