

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

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Item: 9

Community Safety Partnerships

Report by the Chief Officer

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1 Summary

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) are made up of representatives of various authorities, including Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA).
- 1.2 At its meeting on 4 June 2014, due to some uncertainty regarding the status of some of the CSPs in Hampshire, the HFRA appointed Members to 13 CSPs on an interim basis until the status of the partnerships was reviewed by officers and brought back to the Authority.
- 1.3 Officers have now completed a review of the CSPs and have identified that changes have been made to some. Consequently, this report provides an update of the Hampshire CSP structure for the Authority to consider and make appointments to the 11 CSPs that now exist in Hampshire.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Authority appoint Members to the 11 local authority CSPs in Hampshire identified in section 4.2 of the report.

3 Introduction and background

- 3.1 HFRS is committed to helping to reduce adverse impacts on people, property, communities and the environment through CSPs. There is evidence that a partnership approach has real benefits in tackling issues at a local level through coordinated action. This is also shown in HFRS' active participation in Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 3.2 CSPs bring together key service providers from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors. The core representatives are made up of 'responsible authorities', which are the:

- Police
- Local Authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Probation Service
- Health Agencies

- 3.3 The responsible authorities work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. CSPs aim to provide information and resources to help practitioners involved in, or working with, partnerships to make them the most effective vehicle possible for tackling crime, anti-social behaviour, behaviour that adversely affects the local environment and substance misuse (including drugs and alcohol) at a local level. They annually assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them.
- 3.4 Each partnership seeks to pool resources, powers and expertise to provide a comprehensive response to community needs, whilst raising the understanding of community safety issues and improving the quality of life for local people.
- 3.5 At its last meeting on 4 June 2014, due to some uncertainty regarding the status of some of the CSPs in Hampshire, the HFRA appointed Members to 13 CSPs on an interim basis until the status of the partnerships was reviewed by officers and brought back to the Authority. The appointments made were as follows:
- Gosport – Cllr C Carter
 - Basingstoke and Deane – Cllr K Chapman
 - Portsmouth – Cllrs P Smith and L Stubbs
 - Eastleigh – Vacancy
 - Havant – Cllr F Pearce
 - Rushmoor – Cllr J Wall
 - Hart – Cllr D Simpson
 - Fareham – Cllr R Price
 - Southampton – Cllr R Smith
 - East Hampshire – Cllr A Carew
 - New Forest – Cllr D Harrison
 - Test Valley – Cllr M Cooper
 - Winchester – Vacancy

4 Update on the Hampshire CSP structure

- 4.1 In the Hampshire County area the CSPs are coordinated by a strategic group. The Chairman of HFRA is invited to and attends this meeting. At the last meeting of this group it was agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) recently published plan would form the strategic direction of CSPs for the future two years, with individual CSPs developing local objectives to meet local needs whilst being mindful of this direction.
- 4.2 CSPs now exist in the following local authority areas. Note – where nominations were made at the last meeting for HFRA representatives, these are annotated against the relevant CSP for ease of reference.
(✓ = nomination made; ○ = vacancy)

- ✓ Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hart District Council, and Rushmoor Borough Council – Safer North Hampshire Partnership
 - ✓ East Hampshire District Council – East Hampshire District Council Community Safety Partnership
 - Eastleigh Borough Council – Eastleigh Borough Council Community Safety Partnership
 - ✓ Fareham Borough Council – Fareham Community Safety Partnership
 - ✓ Gosport Borough Council – Gosport Partnership
 - ✓ Havant Borough Council – Safer Havant Partnership
 - ✓ New Forest District Council – New Forest Community Safety Partnership
 - ✓ Test Valley Borough Council – Test Valley Borough Council Community Safety Partnership
 - Winchester City Council – Winchester District Strategic Partnership
 - ✓ Southampton – Safe City Partnership Plan
 - ✓ Portsmouth – Safer Portsmouth Partnership
- 4.3 Community safety Partnerships of **Basingstoke and Deane** and **Hart and Rushmoor** are joining to form the Safer North Hampshire Partnership. This is designed to better tackle crime and antisocial behaviour by pooling resources with the Community Safety teams having already joined forces. The Partnership has been approved by Basingstoke and Deane and Rushmoor Borough Councils and is expected to be agreed very soon by Hart District Council.
- 4.4 The separate partnerships of **East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant** and **New Forest** tackle community issues through Strategic Assessments. This enables the development of a strategy and action plan to reduce crime, disorder and anti social behaviour in the areas.
- 4.5 **Eastleigh Borough Council** undertook a review of the CSP and recommended the formation of an Executive Group to provide strategic direction and governance for the Partnership, building on the already close working relationships between the agencies.
- 4.6 **Test Valley** CSP maintains a structure that supports both its purpose and compliance with the statutory requirements. That structure consists of a multi agency Community Safety Management Group, which is responsible for the delivery of the CSP Plan on behalf of the CSP Board.
- 4.7 The **Winchester** District Strategic Partnership has an Executive Group to set and manage the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy. It is made up of the chairs of the five Outcome Groups and key statutory and voluntary partners in the District. Cllr George Beckett (Leader of Winchester City Council) chairs this group.
- 4.8 The Safer **Portsmouth** Partnership is the key anti-crime and substance misuse partnership for Portsmouth. They are working to actively reduce crime and substance misuse in Portsmouth making the city a safer place to live, work and visit.

- 4.9 **Southampton** has the Safe City Partnership Plan. Southampton is getting safer every year. Crime figures for 2013/14 show crime rates continue to fall in the city, improved detection rates and a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents through partnership working.

5 Member appointments to the Community Safety Partnerships

- 5.1 The interim appointments to the 13 former CSPs made by the Authority at its last meeting have now lapsed.
- 5.2 It is confirmed that there are 11 CSPs in Hampshire and all should have HFRA representation appointed.

6 Supporting our corporate aims and objectives

- 6.1 The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan is a five-year plan that shows how we intend to make life safer through the service we deliver in our local communities.

We have stated:

“Our goal is to make life safer in Hampshire. To do that we’ve done a number of things.

We have looked at the risks that our communities face and decided where we can make a difference.

We have also agreed how we will improve our organisation to support this and to make it stronger.

But we are also conscious that the public pay for our services, so we have sought to make savings where we can and use the money we have wisely”

- 6.2 HFRS have previously reported on the successful progress towards making life safer and the CSPs provide a basis for further improving our performance in a cost effective manner.

7 Risk analysis

- 7.1 None identified

8 People Impact Assessment

- 8.1 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the HFRS Community Safety strategies help reduce risk to those people most vulnerable within our communities and to make others feel safer. As such it is considered that this proposal does not adversely affect any groups of people.
- 8.2 The proposals in this report are considered compatible with the provisions of the equality and human rights legislation.

9 Environmental and Sustainability impact assessment

9.1 None

10 Resource implications

10.1 None

11 Conclusion

11.1 HFRS is committed to reducing the impact on people, property, communities and the environment through CSPs. CSPs bring together key service providers from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors

11.2 There are a number of partnerships in all the local and unitary authority areas. There have been changes made in the north of the county with the creation of the Safer North Partnership, where further efficiencies and improvements have been made.

11.3 The previous interim appointments have now lapsed and new appointments can be made to maintain HFRA membership on Hampshire's CSPs.

12 Background papers

12.1 The following documents disclose the facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of the report:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/saferhampshire/safer-cdrp.htm>