

## **Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record**

### **Report Title – Combination Agreement East Surrey Community Safety Partnership and Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership**

**Decision number:** 003/2017

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**Protective Marking:** Part One

#### **Executive Summary:**

- In 2014 an application was received to make a formal combination agreement in relation to the Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, and Tandridge community safety partnership areas so as to combine those areas to create a single community safety partnership area.
- Epsom and Ewell are now applying to join the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership and as such a further combination agreement is required.
- A combination agreement is an agreement for the functions conferred by or under section 6 or section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to be carried out in relation to the combined areas as if it constituted only one local government area.

#### **Background**

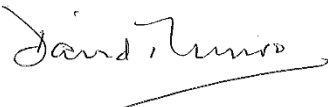
- Schedule 11 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 gives authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner to agree to the formal merging of community safety partnerships in their area.
- The ESCSP brought together the individual Community Safety Partnership's of Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge in 2014. Epsom and Ewell advised of its decision to withdraw from discussions at that time, but with the potential to join at a later date.
- The ability for new members to join the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership is addressed in the Terms of Reference (TOR) at 9.ii. (appendix a)
- Following discussion and consultation with the statutory partners, agreement has been reached locally for Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnership to now combine with the established East Surrey Community Safety Partnership. The combination agreement is attached (appendix b)
- This provides the opportunity to create an East Surrey Community Safety Partnership that is co-terminus with the Eastern Division of Surrey Police. Community Safety Partnership partners and 'Responsible Authorities' are wholly supportive of the proposed merger.
- A copy of the letter seeking agreement from all the Epsom and Ewell CSP member is attached (appendix c).

#### **Recommendation**

- It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey makes a combination agreement as set out in appendix B to create a single East Surrey community safety partnership area.
- The East Surrey community safety partnership will be formed through the merger of the existing statutory East Surrey Community Safety Partnership and the Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership.

**Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 14/02/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.