



SURREY POLICE - PAPER FOR JULY PCC MANAGEMENT MEETING

**Report on the launch of the Joint Enforcement Project**

The Joint Enforcement Project is a pilot whereby council officers with enforcement powers work alongside police officers to tackle low level issues such as littering, dog fouling and fly tipping. The project aims to achieve better joint working between Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and local authorities to carry out enforcement on issues where the organisations can be more effective by working together.

The scheme, which is the first of its kind in Surrey, went live in Reigate and Banstead on April 9 with a soft launch allowing routines, processes and practices to be embedded while awaiting the delivery of uniforms and equipment.

The benefits of the project are already apparent and early successes include:

- Joint working and enforcement in relation to noise, with the Licensing and Environmental Health departments, which has enabled the planning of joint actions and response to complaints about noise within 1-2 days.
- Swift investigation of fly tipping incidents using effective information sharing under the Surrey Multi Agency Information Sharing Protocol (MAISP).
- Joint patrol and enforcement of parking issues near schools by Civil Enforcement Officers and SNT members.
- Joint tackling of anti-social and persistent dog fouling in Earlswood which led to an Environmental Visual Audit and Joint Action Group meeting including invitations to local community members to attend and become involved.
- Daily sharing of information and early identification of “best agency to deal” leading to a leaner response to identified issues.

Going forward over the next three months the team, which is now trained, uniformed, equipped with liveried vehicles and co-located with the central Reigate and Banstead SNT, will begin overt foot and mobile patrolling in targeted areas. The main challenge that remains is in supporting Reigate and Banstead Borough Council staff to complete the evolution into local Law Enforcement Officers and maintaining the momentum achieved thus far. We hope to see increased engagement and information flow from local councillors as the key stakeholders in identifying community issues, and are hopeful that the increased visibility of the team will be achieved in the second quarter of the pilot.